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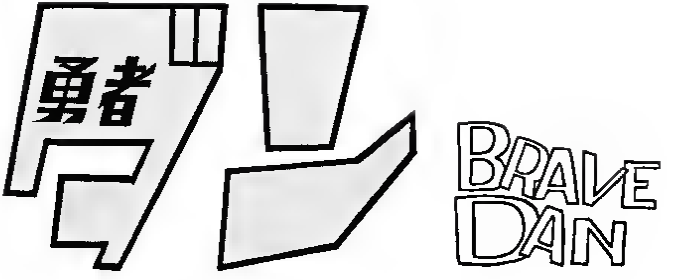
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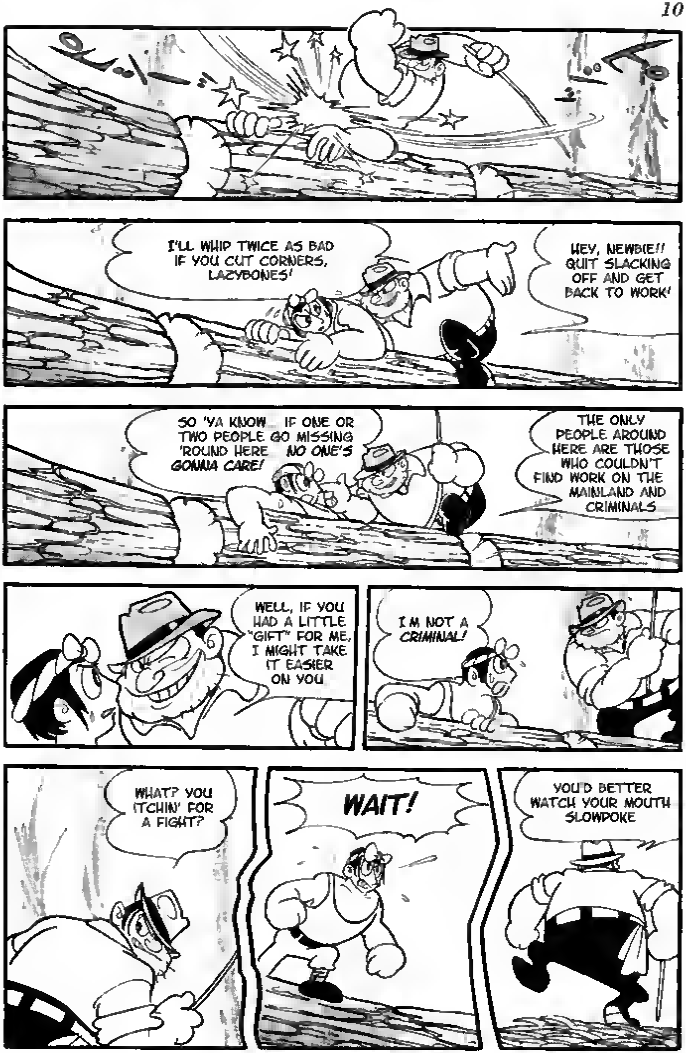
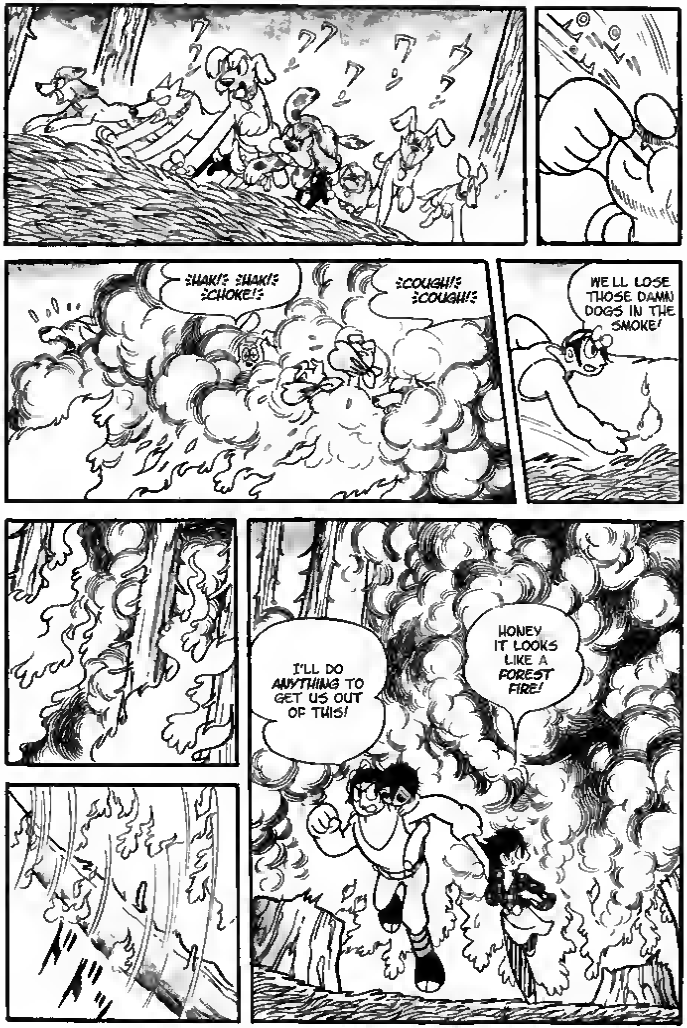
Chapter 1:

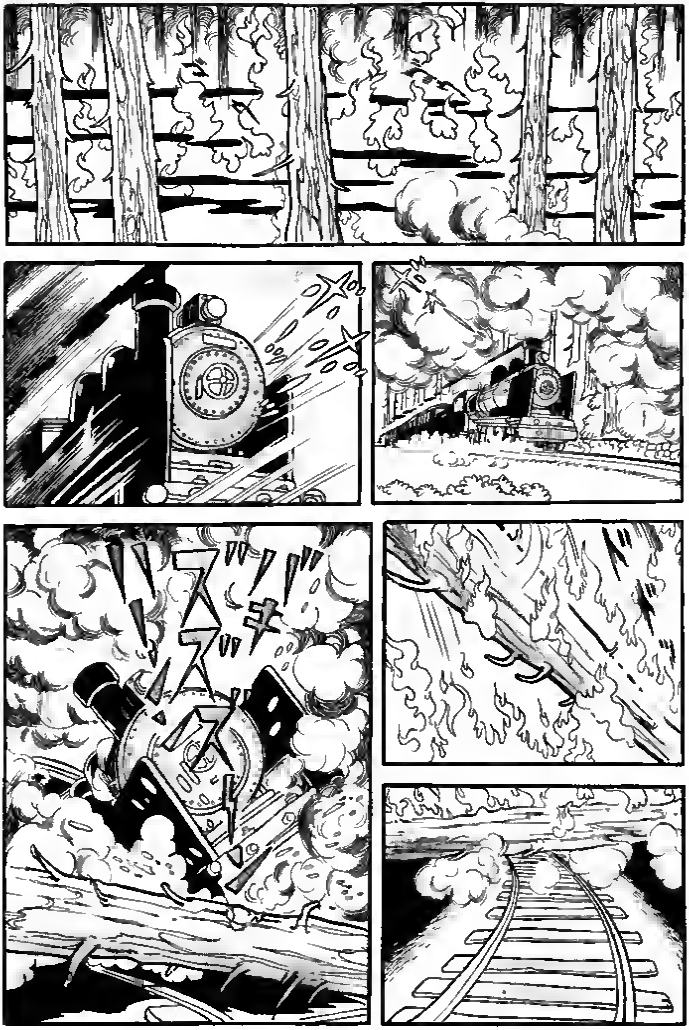
Three Keys

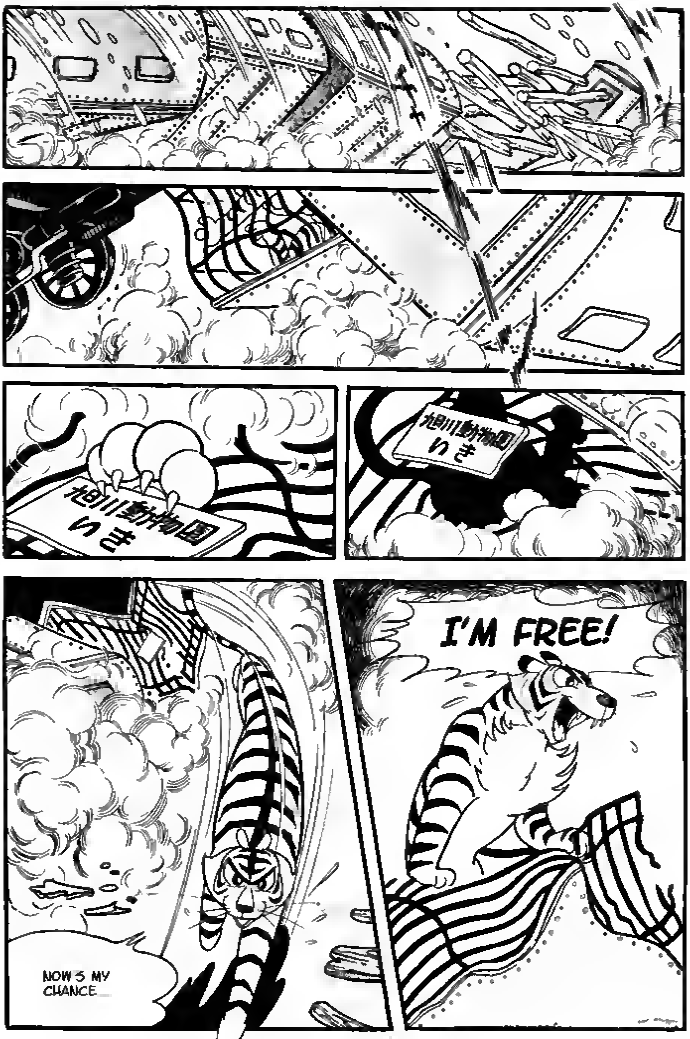

I'LL WHIP TWICE AS BAD IF YOU CUT CORNERS, LAZYBONES!
HEY, NEWBIE!! QUIT SLACKING OFF AND GET BACK TO WORK!
SO 'YA KNOW... IF ONE OR TWO PEOPLE GO MISSING 'ROUND HERE... NO ONE'S GONNA CARE!
THE ONLY PEOPLE AROUND HERE ARE THOSE WHO COULDN'T FIND WORK ON THE MAINLAND AND CRIMINALS
WELL, IF YOU HAD A LITTLE "GIFT" FOR ME, I MIGHT TAKE IT EASIER ON YOU
I'M NOT A CRIMINAL!
WHAT? YOU ITCHIN' FOR A FIGHT?
WAIT!
YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH SLOWPOKE

SO YOU'RE GONNA REGRET THIS!
YOU ASKED FOR IT! I'M YOUR SUPERVISOR
OOF!
WE HAVE A NAME FOR BASTARDS LIKE YOU – VERMIN!
WHAT'CHA GONNA DO NOW?

OH, HONEY
HEY, MAMA! MR. GEN IS IN TROUBLE.
EEEEK!
HURRY UP AND RUN!
I'VE DONE A TERRIBLE THING...
ARGGH!
LET'S GO!!


:HAK!: :HAK!: :CHOKE!:
:COUGH!: :COUGH!:
WE'LL LOSE THOSE DAMN DOGS IN THE SMOKE!
HONEY IT LOOKS LIKE A FOREST FIRE!
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET US OUT OF THIS!

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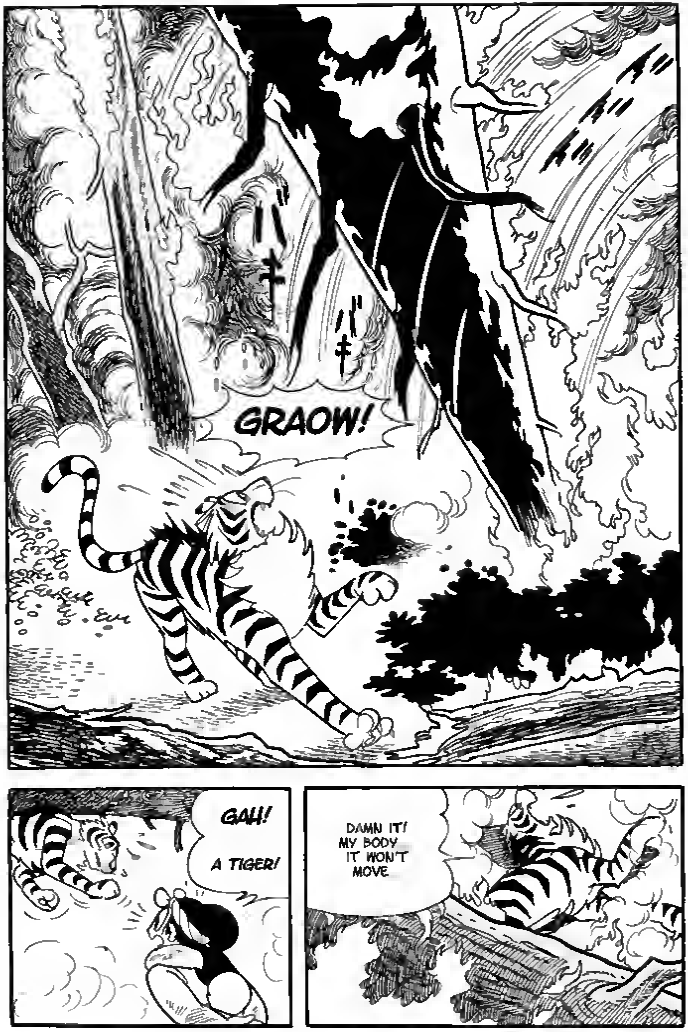
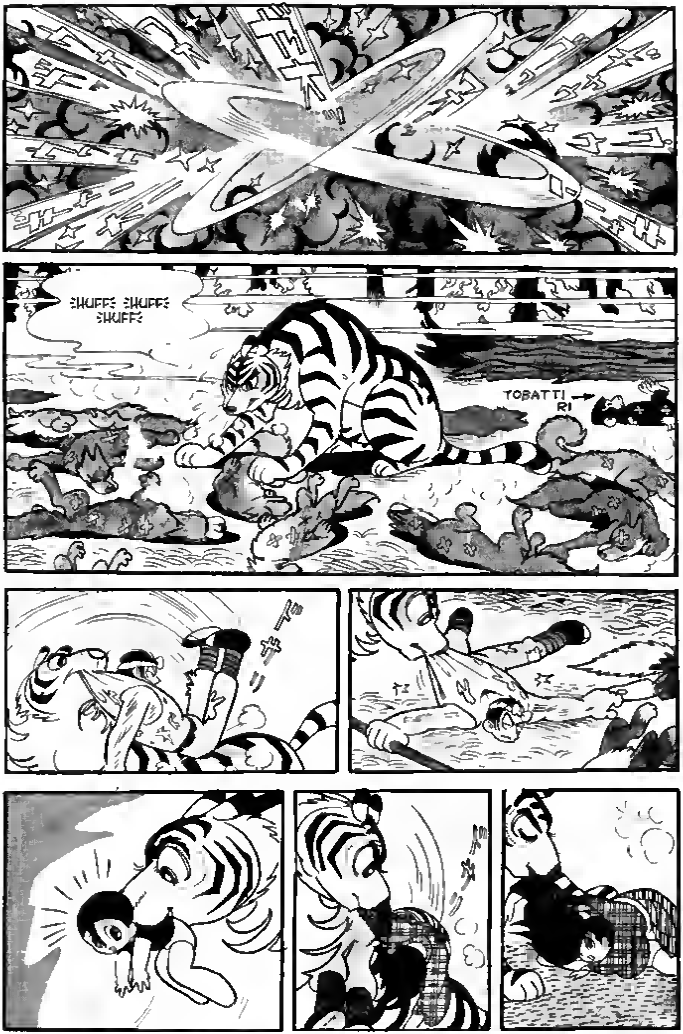
I'M FREE!
NOW'S MY CHANCE

IT WON'T WORK DAN'S NOT AFRAID OF FIRE OR THE WHIP
BE CAREFUL
GET ME A WHIP
DAN'S OUT OF HIS CAGE!
QUICK! GET HIM
GET HIM!
I M FREE, I M FREE... I AM FREE! WOOOHOOOO! NOT EVEN ARROWS OR GUNS CAN STOP ME NOW!
SHMPH!! THOSE STUPID HUMAN BEINGS WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MATCH MY SPEED!


GRAOW!
GAH!
A TIGER!
DAMN IT! MY BODY IT WON'T MOVE

WAIT DAD, WAIT...
I'M SCARED HONEY... LET'S GET GOING
PLEASE HELP THE POOR TIGER
DAD, PLEASE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KOTAN?
UNNGG...
UNNNGG
AND WE'LL GET CAUGHT BY OUR PURSUERS WHILE WE'RE AT IT!
BUT, HE'LL DIE IF YOU DON'T HELP HIM!
EEEEK!
DOGS! SIC 'EM!
THERE THEY ARE! IT'S THAT AINU FAMILY THAT'S ON THE RUN!

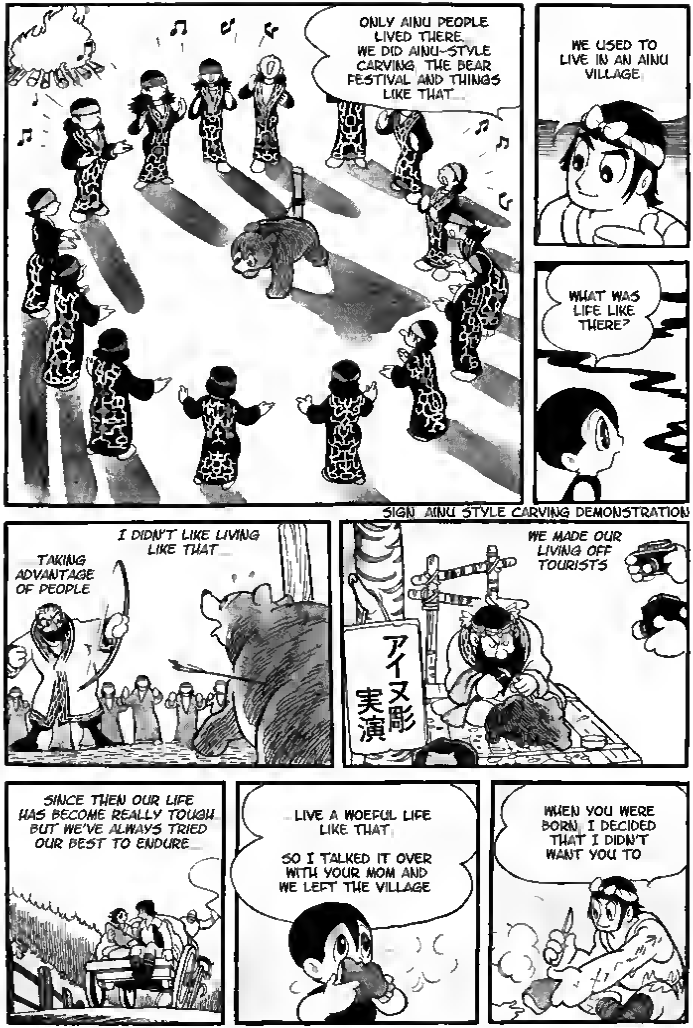
ARGHH!
HONEY! I'LL PROTECT YOU...
YIPE!
GROWL!
YIPE!
YIPE!



TOBATTIRI "GOT HIT BY ACCIDENT"

GRRRRR...

BUT A DEBT IS A DEBT
IT'S FUNNY THAT I HELPED A HUMAN EVEN THOUGH I HATE THEM
THANK YOU MISTER TIGER
UHM
THE TIGER ?
OH!? YOU BROUGHT US FOOD TOO?
MOM THE TIGER SAVED US
THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE KOTAN!
WHERE'S KOTAN!?
AH!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS?
ARE YOU TIRED, KOTAN ?


ONLY AINU PEOPLE LIVED THERE. WE DID AINU-STYLE CARVING, THE BEAR FESTIVAL AND THINGS LIKE THAT...
WE USED TO LIVE IN AN AINU VILLAGE.
WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE THERE?
SIGN: AINU STYLE CARVING DEMONSTRATION
I DIDN'T LIKE LIVING LIKE THAT...
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE
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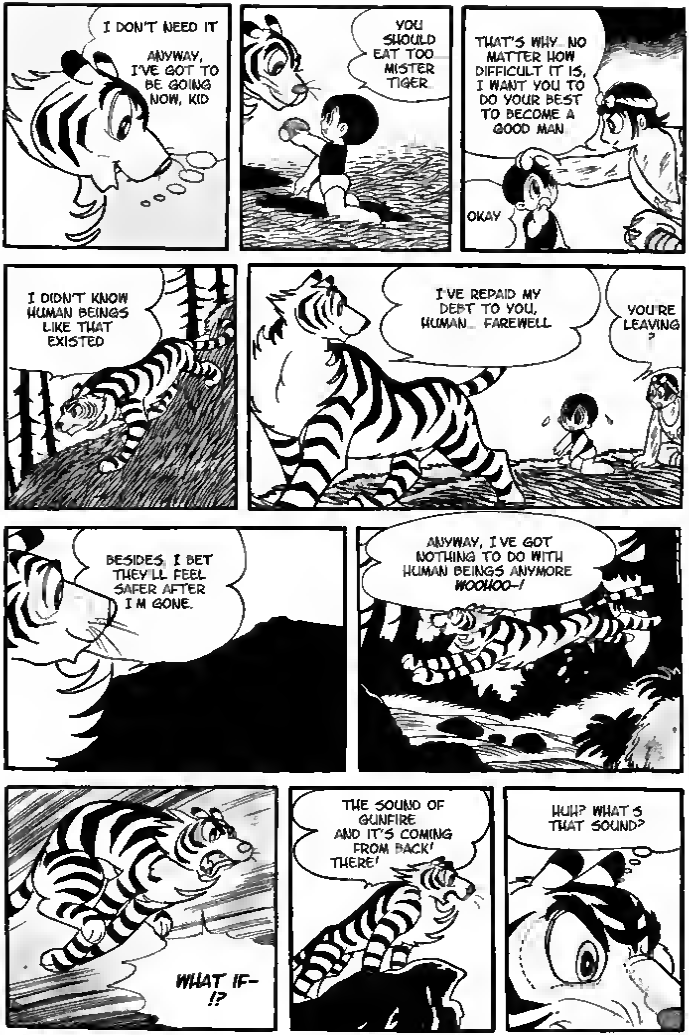
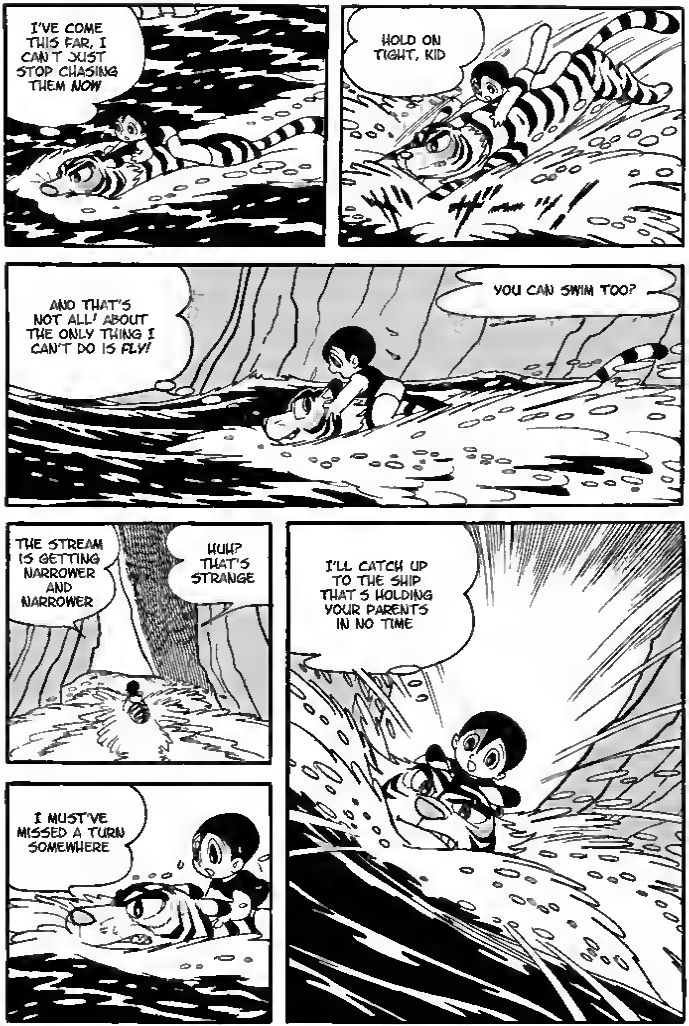
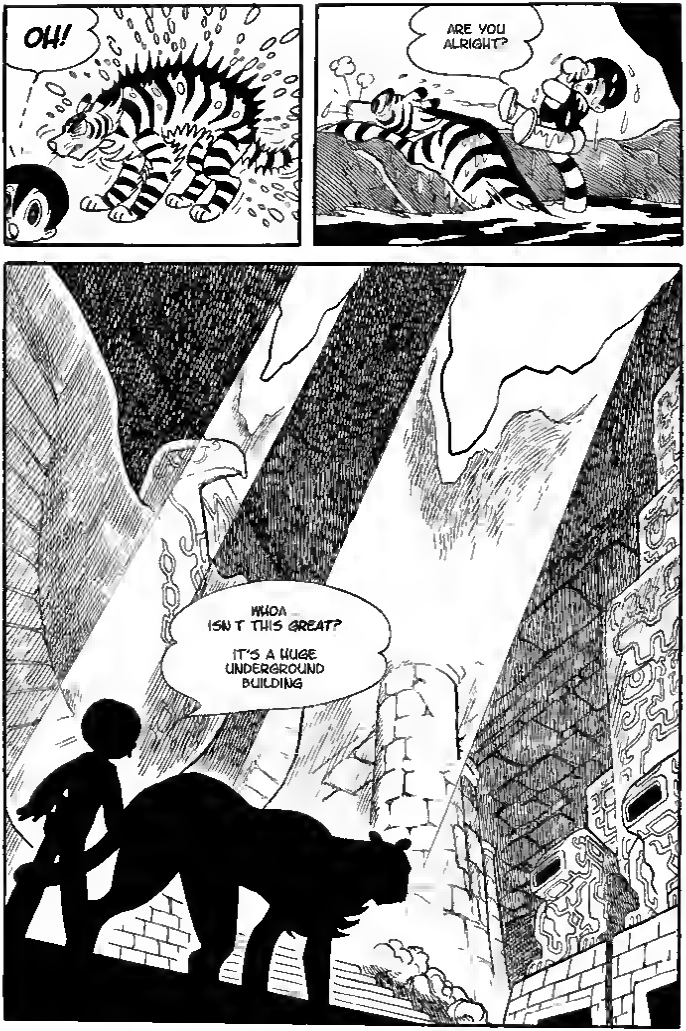
WE MADE OUR LIVING OFF TOURISTS
SINCE THEN OUR LIFE HAS BECOME REALLY TOUGH. BUT WE'VE ALWAYS TRIED OUR BEST TO ENDURE...
...LIVE A WOEFUL LIFE LIKE THAT.
SO I TALKED IT OVER WITH YOUR MOM AND WE LEFT THE VILLAGE.
WHEN YOU WERE BORN, I DECIDED THAT I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO


I DON'T NEED IT
ANYWAY, I'VE GOT TO BE GOING NOW, KID
YOU SHOULD EAT TOO MISTER TIGER
THAT'S WHY, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT IS, I WANT YOU TO DO YOUR BEST TO BECOME A GOOD MAN
OKAY
I DIDN'T KNOW HUMAN BEINGS LIKE THAT EXISTED
I'VE REPAID MY DEBT TO YOU, HUMAN... FAREWELL
YOU'RE LEAVING?
BESIDES, I BET THEY'LL FEEL SAFER AFTER I'M GONE.
ANYWAY, I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH HUMAN BEINGS ANYMORE WOOHOO~!
WHAT IF-!?
THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE AND IT'S COMING FROM BACK! THERE!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

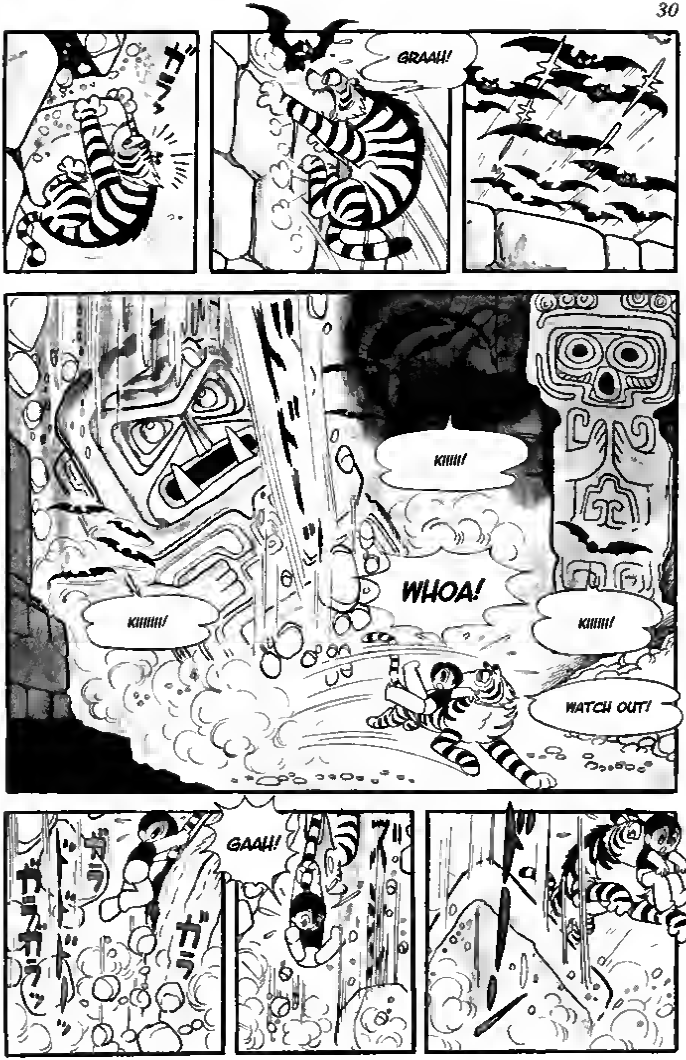
SMELLS LIKE GUNPOWDER
DAMMIT, THEY GOT CAUGHT BY THEIR PURSUERS
HEY KID, WHAT HAPPENED-!?
GET ON MY BACK!
I CAN'T TRACK THE SCENT ANY FURTHER
IT SEEMS, THEY SAILED DOWN STREAM
KID...
I'LL GET THEM BACK!
AH!


I'VE COME THIS FAR, I CAN'T JUST STOP CHASING THEM NOW
HOLD ON TIGHT, KID
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! ABOUT THE ONLY THING I CAN'T DO IS FLY!
YOU CAN SWIM TOO?
THE STREAM IS GETTING NARROWER AND NARROWER
HUH? THAT'S STRANGE
I'LL CATCH UP TO THE SHIP THAT'S HOLDING YOUR PARENTS IN NO TIME
I MUST'VE MISSED A TURN SOMEWHERE

OH, NO! THE STREAM IS SUDDENLY FLOWING FASTER!
IT'S A TORRENT, BE CAREFUL MISTER TIGER!
WHOA! WE'RE GONNA GET SUCKED INTO THAT HOLE!


OH!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHOA... ISN'T THIS GREAT?
IT'S A HUGE UNDERGROUND BUILDING

I WONDER WHO BUILT THIS AND WHEN?
THIS PLACE IS FIT FOR A GOD
GYAH!
WHAT'S THERE!? WHY ARE YOU GROWLING?
GRRR
GRAWL!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GRAAH!
KIIII!
WHOA!
KIIIII!
KIIIII!
WATCH OUT!
GAAH!
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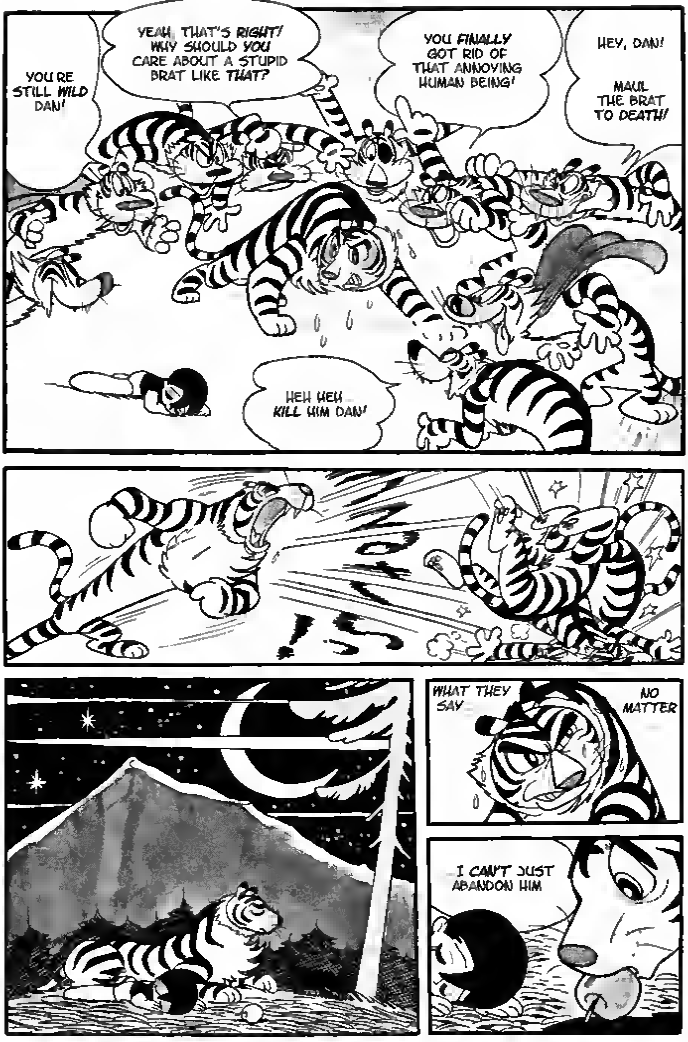
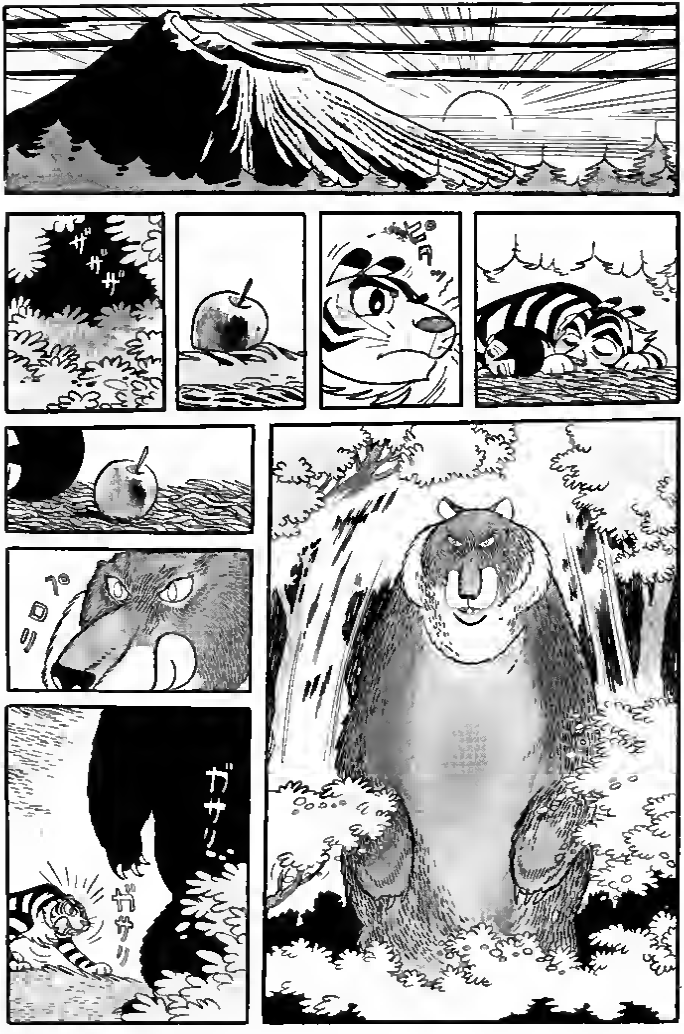
THANKS TO YOU WE SURVIVED
YOU CAN DO IT!
LOOK! THE WALL HAS FALLEN DOWN AND WE CAN SEE OUTSIDE!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP ME ANYMORE?
TO LOOK FOR MY PARENTS... HUH?
LET'S GO!
NO! WE'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR! DON'T SAY YOU WANT TO QUIT NOW
RRRRR
HUH!? DID YOU LOSE THEIR SCENT?
DAD!
GRAOW!
WHAAAA!! PLEASE HELP ME FIND MY DAD! WHAAA!! WHAAA!!

ROAR!
DAAAD!
MOMMM!
STUPID TIGER!
!
STUPID!
LET GO OF ME!
HEY KID I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW
:SIGH!: IF ONLY I COULD SPEAK THE HUMAN LANGUAGE
?!
DID HE TIRE HIMSELF OUT FROM CRYING AND FALL ASLEEP?
HEY, KID
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY TO HIM TO EASE HIS MIND
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR THEM AFTER YOU'VE GROWN-UP


YOU'RE STILL WILD DAN!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT A STUPID BRAT LIKE THAT?
YOU FINALLY GOT RID OF THAT ANNOYING HUMAN BEING!
HEY, DAN! MAUL THE BRAT TO DEATH!
HEH HEH... KILL HIM DAN!
NO!!
WHAT THEY SAY
NO MATTER
I CAN'T JUST ABANDON HIM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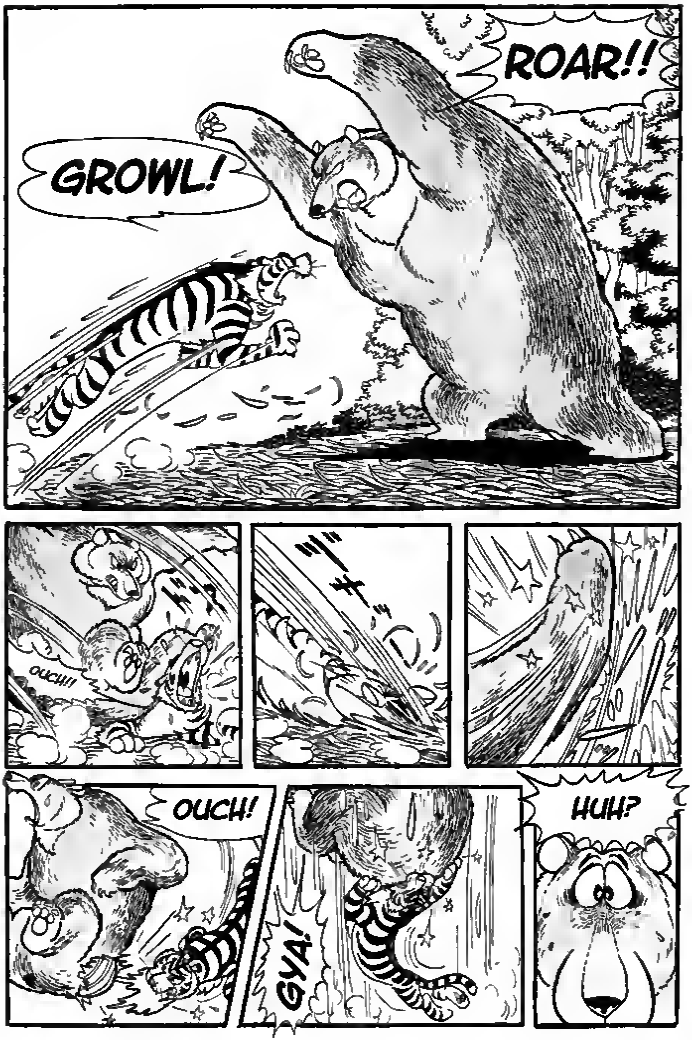
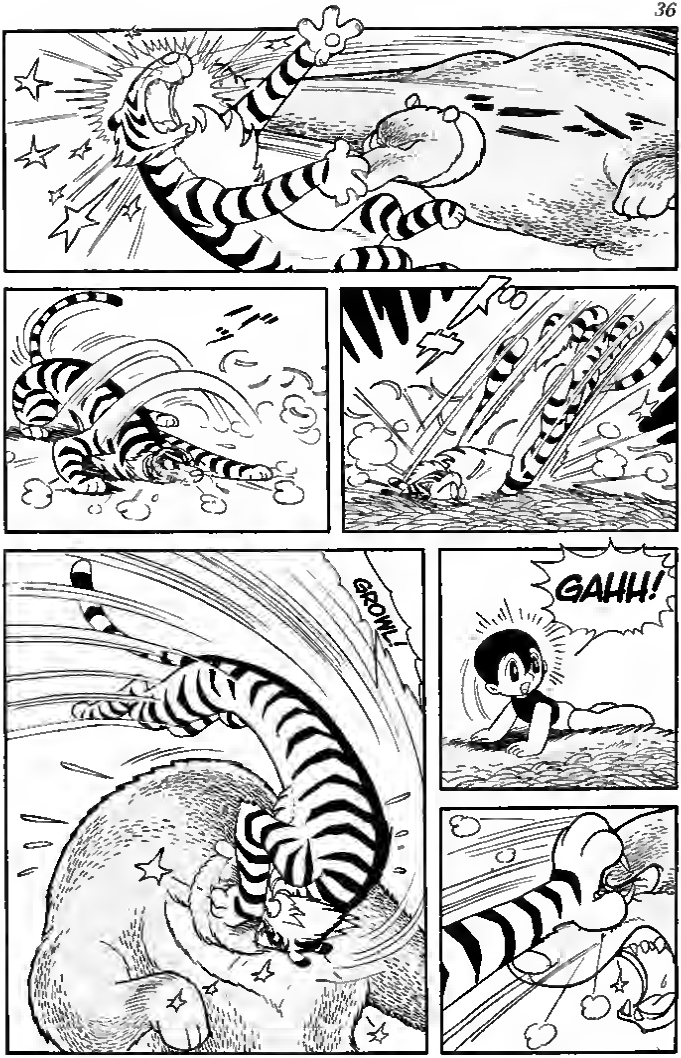
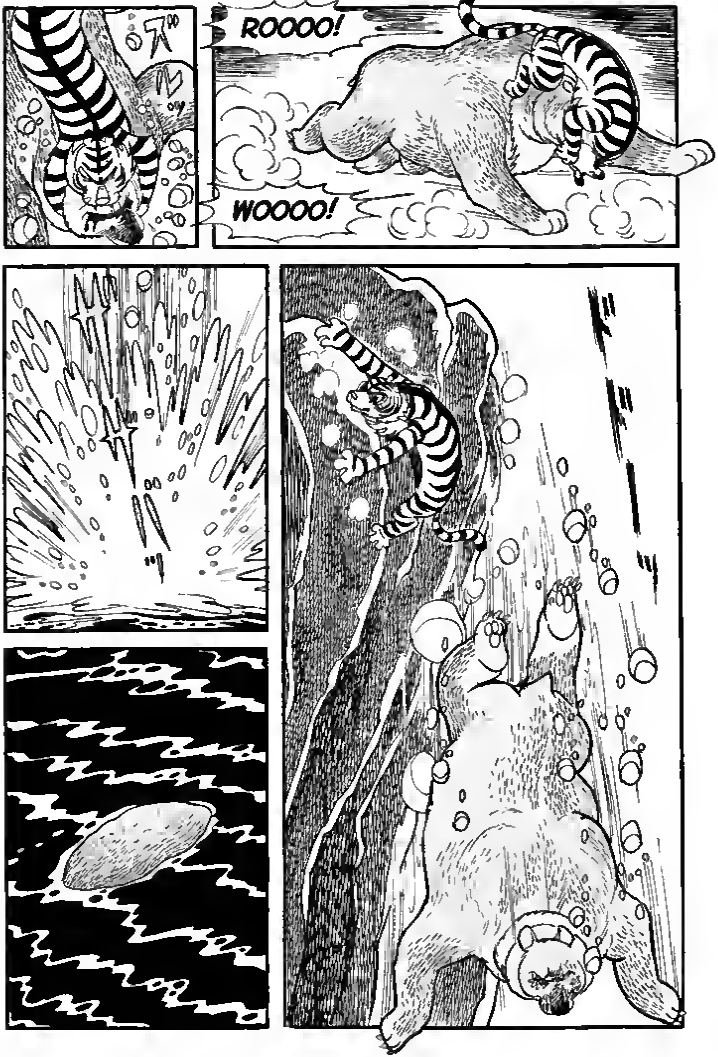

ROAR!!
GROWL!
OUCH!!
OUCH!
GYA!
HUH?


GAHH!
GROWL


ROOOO!
WOOOO!

HE WAS TWICE YOUR SIZE!
OH! I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE OKAY!
MISTER TIGER!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
WAIT THERE ARE YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED THE GRIZZLY GOD?
WHOA IT'S THE GRIZZLY GOD
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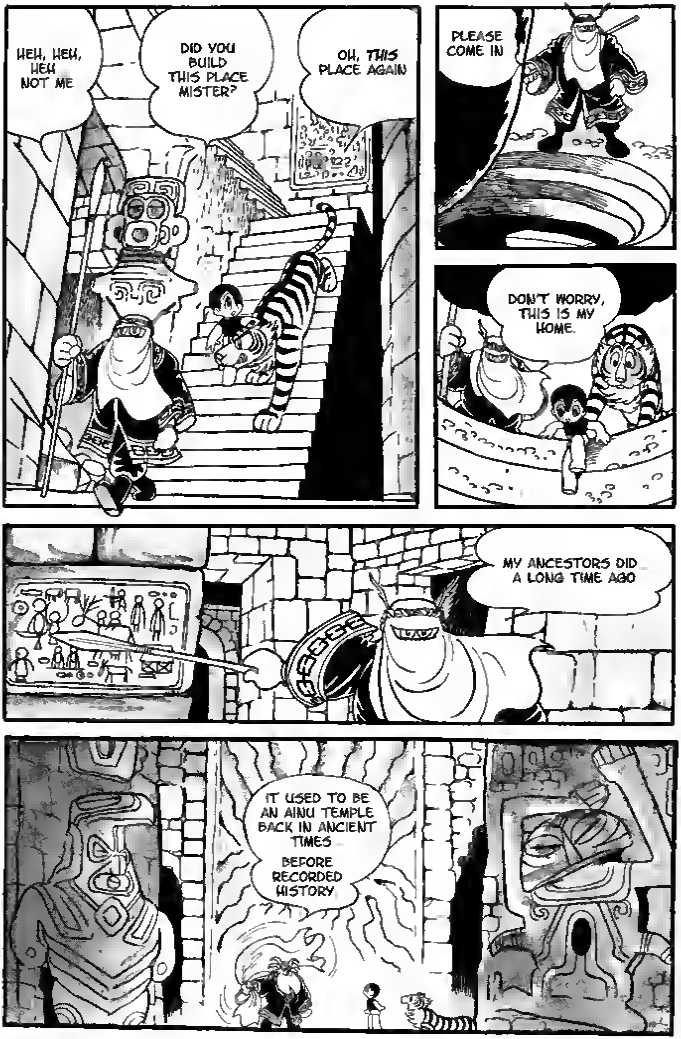
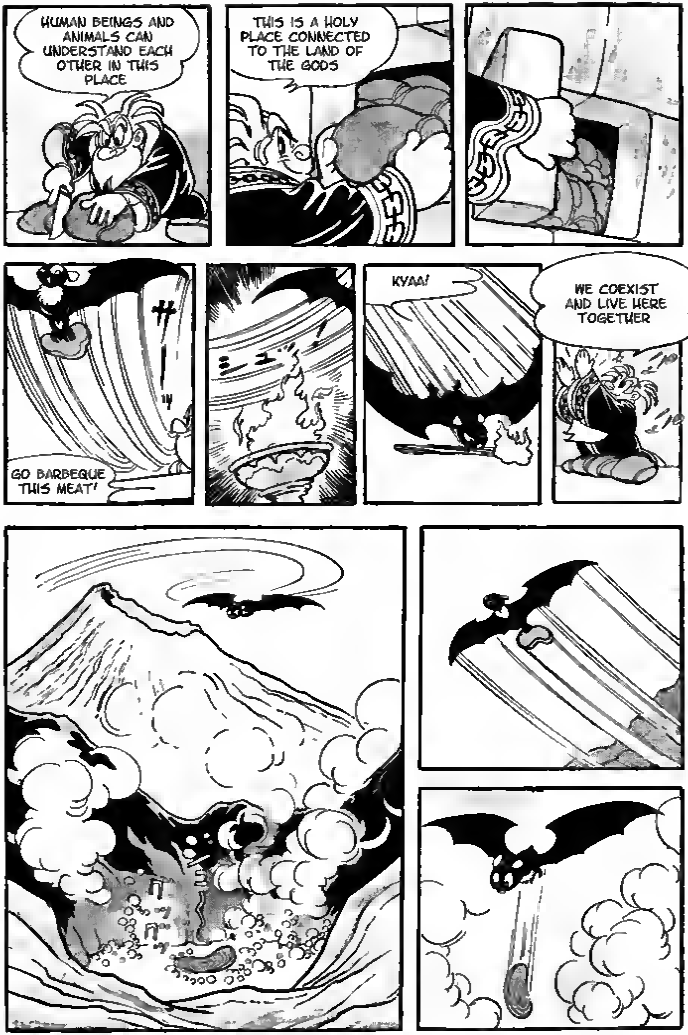
THE GRIZZLY GOD HAS BEEN BADGERING ME FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND I'VE TRIED TO KILL HIM SEVERAL TIMES...
HMMM... SUCH A MYSTERIOUS CHILD... WHERE DID YOU COME FROM... AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AHHH... I SEE THE TIGER DID IT
WELL, YOU CAN TELL ME YOUR STORY IN MY HOME.


HEH, HEH, HEH NOT ME
DID YOU BUILD THIS PLACE MISTER?
OH, THIS PLACE AGAIN
PLEASE COME IN
DON'T WORRY, THIS IS MY HOME.
MY ANCESTORS DID A LONG TIME AGO
IT USED TO BE AN AINU TEMPLE BACK IN ANCIENT TIMES
BEFORE RECORDED HISTORY


HUMAN BEINGS AND ANIMALS CAN UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER IN THIS PLACE
THIS IS A HOLY PLACE CONNECTED TO THE LAND OF THE GODS
GO BARBEQUE THIS MEAT!
KYAA!
WE COEXIST AND LIVE HERE TOGETHER

HERE, EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
THOSE BATS ARE ATTACHED TO ME AND DON'T MIND DOING A LOT OF THINGS FOR ME NOW
MY NAME IS KOTAN
WHAT IS YOUR NAME, CHILD?
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S NOT POISONED
HMM... KOTAN? SO THEN YOU'RE A CHILD OF THE AINU
I'M AINU AS WELL MY NAME IS UPOPO

I MET HIM YESTERDAY
HOW STRANGE. HE ONLY LISTENS TO YOU
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH HIM?
MISTER TIGER, IT'S FINE, YOU CAN EAT IT
PERHAPS, THE GODS BROUGHT YOU HERE
WHAT? YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU ONLY MET HIM YESTERDAY!?
BUT HOW DID YOU TWO GET SO CLOSE, SO QUICKLY!?
WE WERE CLOSE FROM THE START
OTHERWISE, THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD BE SO CLOSE WITH THIS WILD TIGER
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOUR APPEARANCE FOR MANY MANY YEARS
?
THE CHOSEN CHILD WHO SERVES THE GODS
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YES, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS TO BE OUR SALVATION
I'M NOT SOMEBODY LIKE *THAT*
WE, AINU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR OUR SALVATION TO APPEAR FOR MANY GENERATIONS
THE ONE WHO WILL INHERIT THE TREASURE OF THE AINU
IN ORDER TO BECOME STRONG YOU MUST ENDURE THE SEVEN TESTS
I'LL HELP YOU TO GAIN THE POWER
YAAAA!

SALMON COME BACK UPSTREAM FROM THE SEA ONCE A YEAR TO LAY THEIR EGGS
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH THESE WORN-OUT FISH!?
DID YOU MISS AGAIN?
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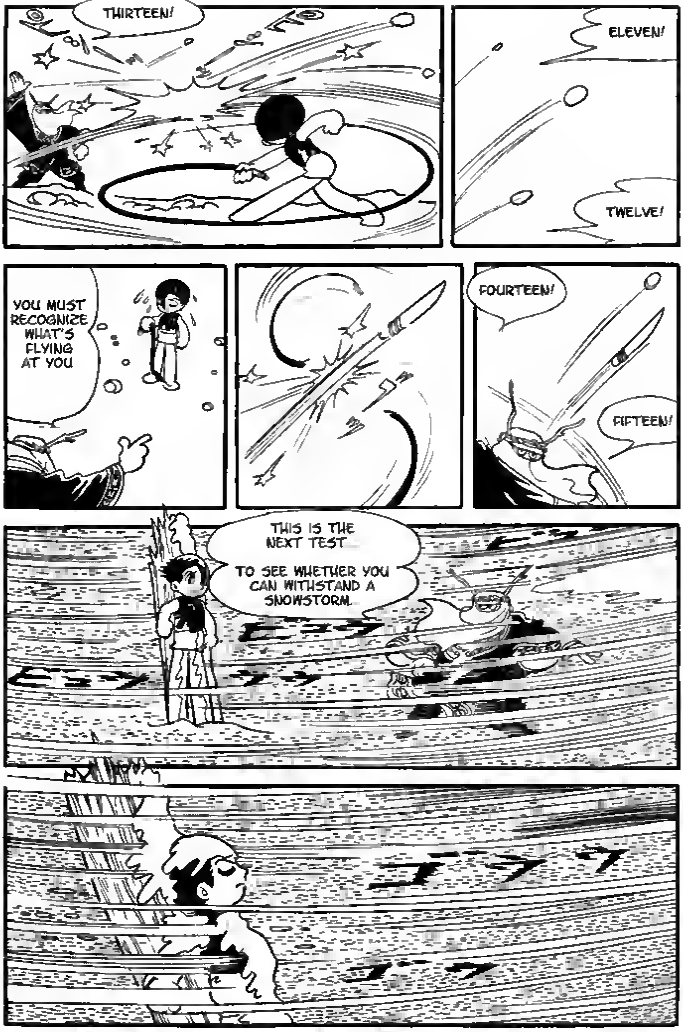
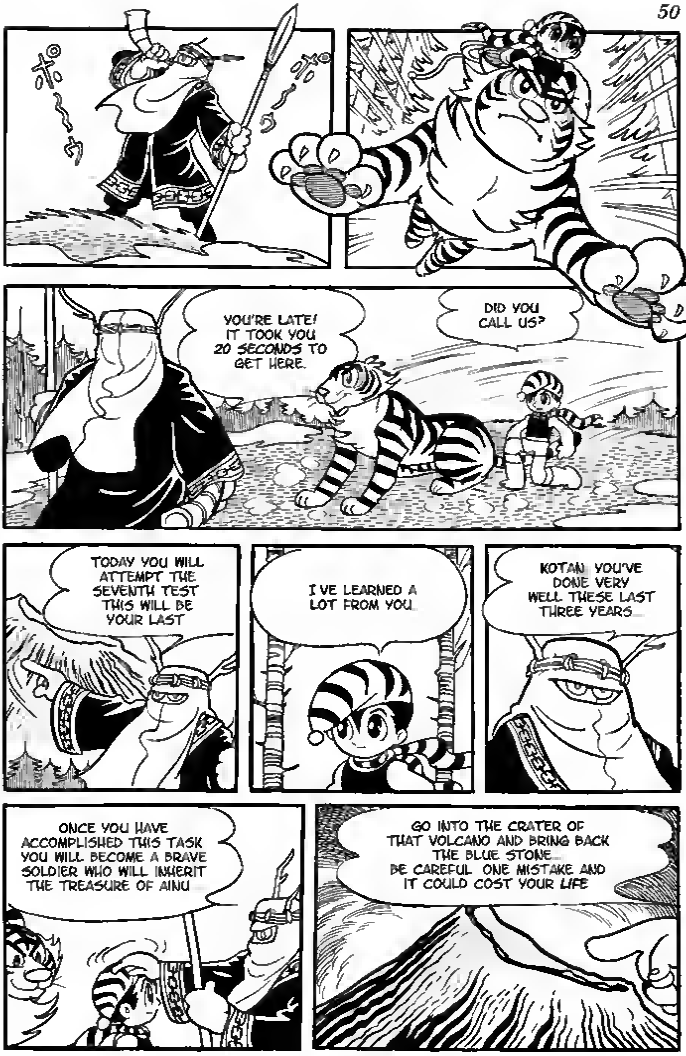
WATCH CAREFULLY HOW I DO IT
TRY IT AGAIN!
LIKE THIS!


THIRTEEN!
ELEVEN!
TWELVE!
YOU MUST RECOGNIZE WHAT'S FLYING AT YOU
FOURTEEN!
FIFTEEN!
THIS IS THE NEXT TEST
TO SEE WHETHER YOU CAN WITHSTAND A SNOWSTORM.

WROAR!
GO BACK INSIDE, OTHERWISE YOU'LL...
DAN, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE. I MUST FACE THESE TESTS BY MYSELF
DAN... DAN!
GO BACK!
YEP!
THE SNOWSTORM HAS STOPPED KOTAN. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

WHEN THE SNOW STARTED TO COVER ME, I WAS SHAKING MY BODY CONSTANTLY SO AS NOT TO GET FROZEN...
YEP, IT WASN'T COLD AT ALL
WHOA! YOU LOOK JUST FINE
THAT'S GREAT! WISDOM AND CALM IS IMPORTANT
THE SNOW THAT COVERED ME FROZE OVER, SO I JUST SAT THERE AND KEPT RUBBING MY BODY IN THE END IT GOT PRETTY WARM INSIDE
LEAVE HIM IN THE SUN HE'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON
:SIGH!: WE'VE GOT ONE FROZEN TIGER HERE...
DAN! YOU POOR...
ONE YEAR CREPT INTO THE NEXT, AS KOTAN AND DAN KEPT TRAINING THEMSELVES...
THEN ONE DAY THREE YEARS LATER...


YOU'RE LATE! IT TOOK YOU 20 SECONDS TO GET HERE.
DID YOU CALL US?
TODAY YOU WILL ATTEMPT THE SEVENTH TEST THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST
I'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU.
KOTAN, YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL THESE LAST THREE YEARS.
ONCE YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS TASK YOU WILL BECOME A BRAVE SOLDIER WHO WILL INHERIT THE TREASURE OF AINU.
GO INTO THE CRATER OF THAT VOLCANO AND BRING BACK THE BLUE STONE. BE CAREFUL. ONE MISTAKE AND IT COULD COST YOUR LIFE.

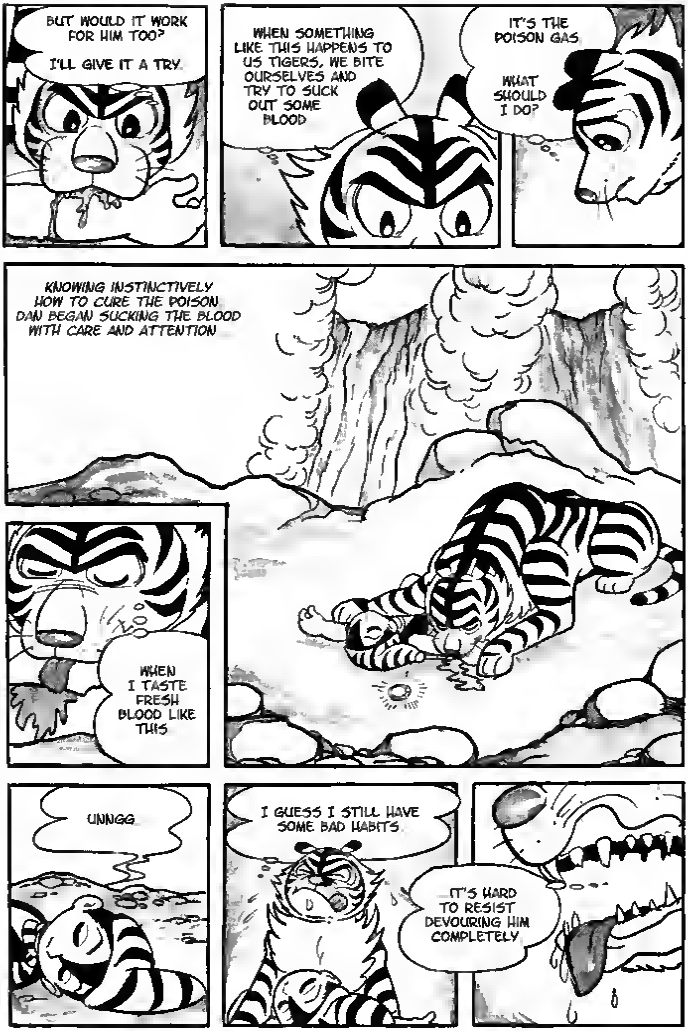
TO THE FINAL TEST!
LET'S GO DAN!
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE SECRET OF THE TREASURE OF THE AINU WHEN YOU RETURN
THIS IS MUCH MORE DANGEROUS THAN I THOUGHT. BE CAREFUL, DAN!
DAN YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU'RE SINKING INTO THE SAND!!
AH!

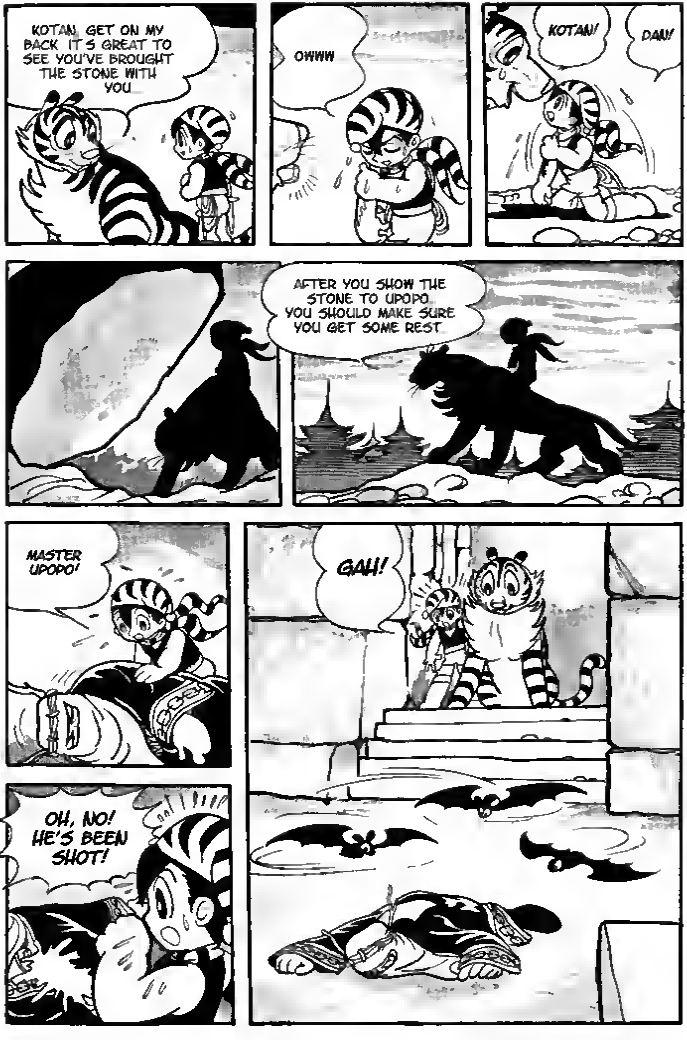
YA!
GRAB ON, DAN!
DON'T LET GO OF IT ALRIGHT!? UNNGGG!
JUST A BIT MORE!

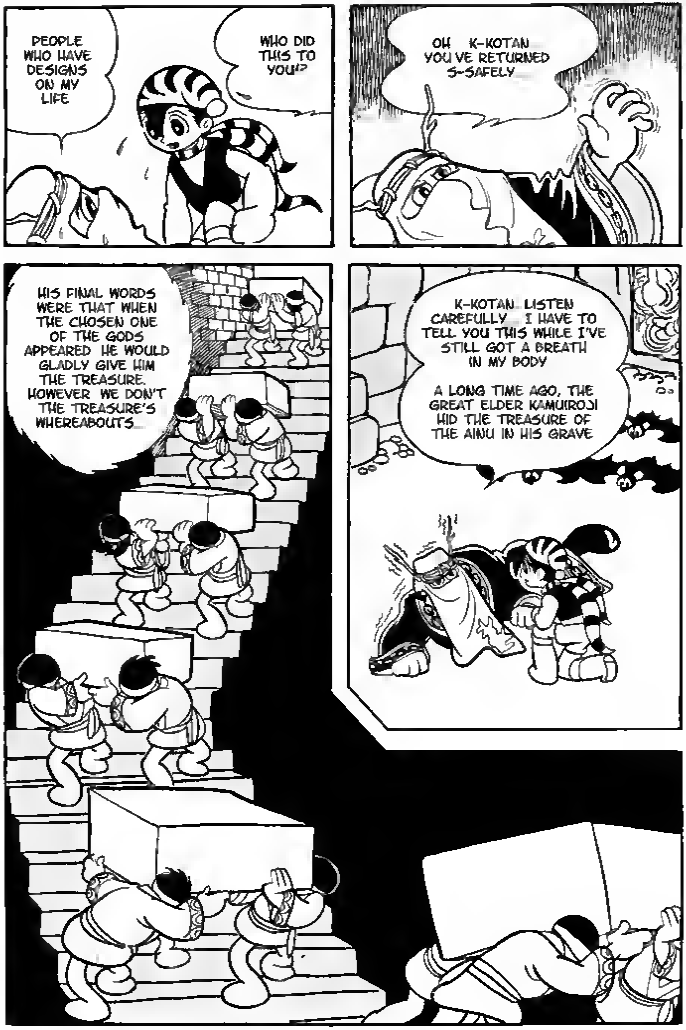
HMMM, WE MUST GO THROUGH THIS SAND TO GET TO THE CRATER
:SNIFF: :SNIFF:
I'M GLAD YOU'RE OK
:SNIFF: :SNIFF:
LET'S JUMP FROM ROCK TO ROCK
WATCH YOUR STEP, ALRIGHT?
KOTAN, DON'T JUMP SO FAST!
IT'S DANGEROUS!
WHOA!
WATCH OUT! THAT LAST ROCK'S UNSTABLE
:SIGH!: HOW RECKLESS
IT'S OKAY! COME ON!

WHAT'S THAT ODD SMELL? IT'S A DEADLY POISON GAS IF YOU INHALE EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF IT, YOU'LL DIE!
KOTAN!
WAIT!
?
WHERE ARE YOU?
KOTAN!
I CAN'T PICK UP HIS SCENT...
KOTAN, COME BACK!
KOTAN, WHERE ARE YOU!?
HOORAY! I'VE FOUND THE BLUE STONE!

MY HEAD'S SPINNING I CAN'T BREATHE.
UGH I FEEL FUNNY
THIS MUST BE THE BLUE STONE.
KOTAN! I FOUND YOU! OH NO! HE'S BEEN AFFECTED BY THE GAS!
I CAN'T B-BREATHE.
I HAVE TO HURRY!
KOTAN!
KOTAN!
KOTAN!

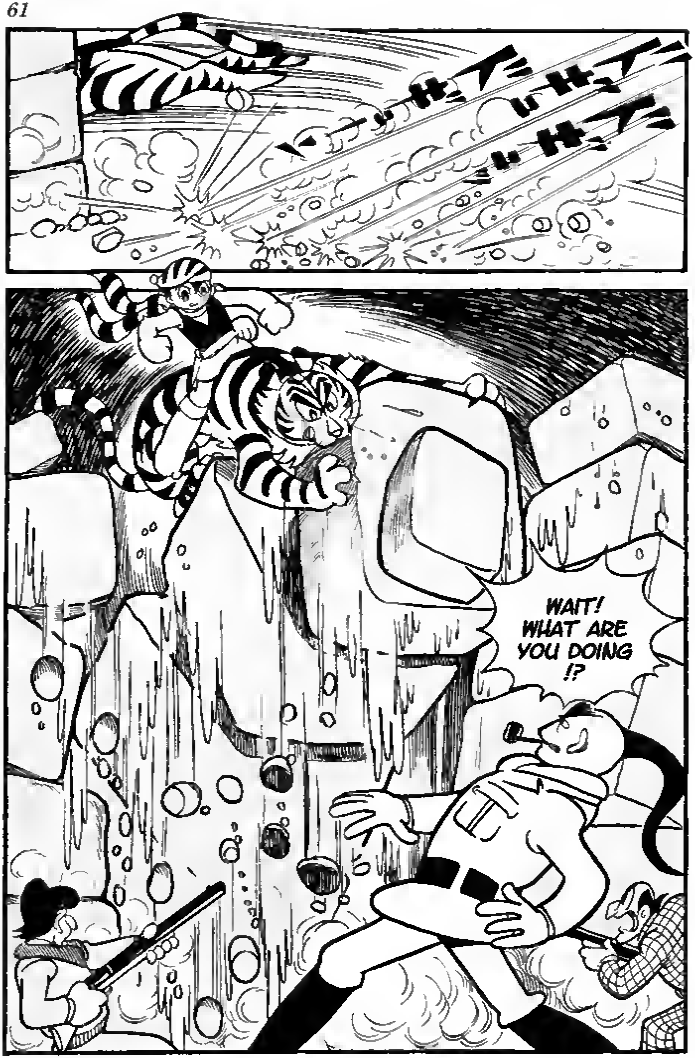

BUT WOULD IT WORK FOR HIM TOO?
I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.
WHEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS TO US TIGERS, WE BITE OURSELVES AND TRY TO SUCK OUT SOME BLOOD
IT'S THE POISON GAS
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
KNOWING INSTINCTIVELY HOW TO CURE THE POISON DAN BEGAN SUCKING THE BLOOD WITH CARE AND ATTENTION
WHEN I TASTE FRESH BLOOD LIKE THIS
UNNGG
I GUESS I STILL HAVE SOME BAD HABITS
IT'S HARD TO RESIST DEVOURING HIM COMPLETELY


KOTAN, GET ON MY BACK. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU'VE BROUGHT THE STONE WITH YOU.
OWWW
KOTAN!
DAH!
AFTER YOU SHOW THE STONE TO UPOPO, YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE YOU GET SOME REST.
MASTER UPOPO!
GAH!
OH, NO! HE'S BEEN SHOT!

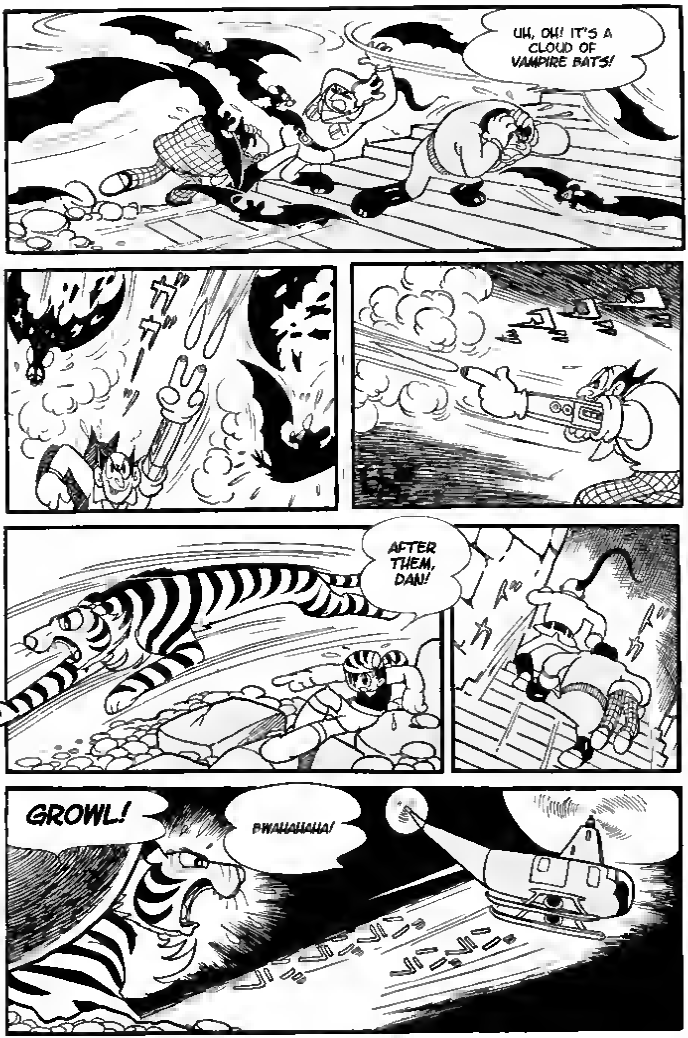

PEOPLE WHO HAVE DESIGNS ON MY LIFE
WHO DID THIS TO YOU!?
OH K-KOTAN YOU'VE RETURNED S-SAFELY
HIS FINAL WORDS WERE THAT WHEN THE CHOSEN ONE OF THE GODS APPEARED HE WOULD GLADLY GIVE HIM THE TREASURE. HOWEVER WE DON'T THE TREASURE'S WHEREABOUTS...
K-KOTAN... LISTEN CAREFULLY... I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS WHILE I'VE STILL GOT A BREATH IN MY BODY
A LONG TIME AGO, THE GREAT ELDER KAMUIROJI HID THE TREASURE OF THE AINU IN HIS GRAVE

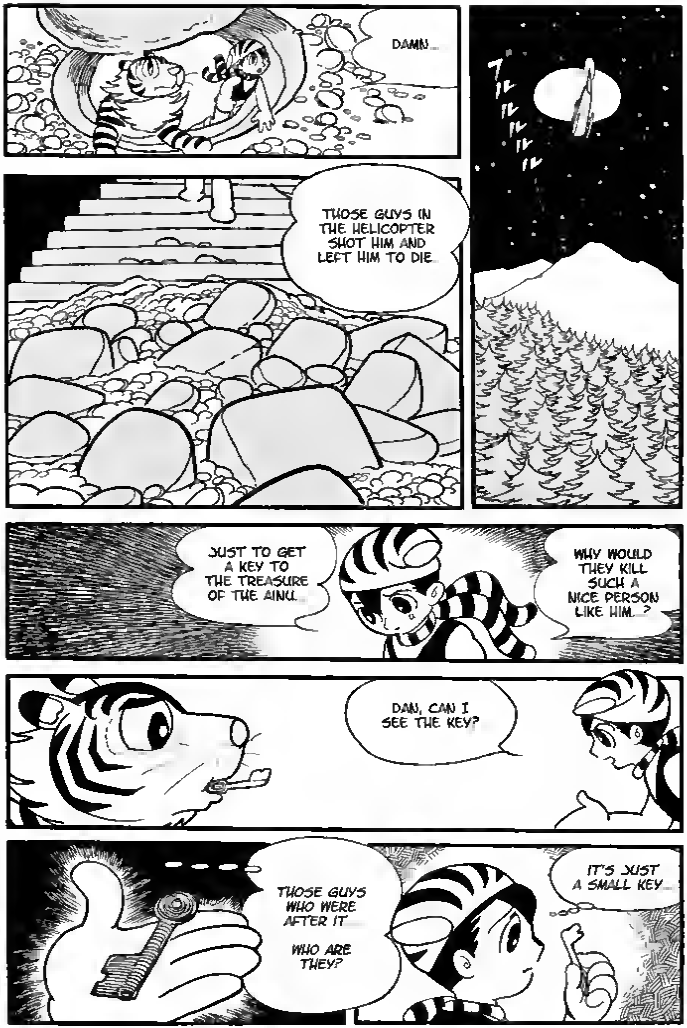
MPH...
KOTAN... GIVE ME YOUR KNIFE
THERE ARE THREE KEYS THAT POINT TO THE TREASURE'S LOCATION...
BY HIDING THEM INSIDE THEIR BODIES
UNGG
KEPT THOSE THREE KEYS SAFE...
FOR GENERATIONS, THREE GUARDIANS HAVE...
I INHERITED IT FROM MY FATHER WHEN I WAS 15, AND IT WAS SEWED INSIDE MY ARM
THIS IS ONE OF THEM
MASTER!
カ"ク
ONE IS IN TOKYO AND THE OTHER ONE IS
GO FIND THE OTHER TWO AND GET THE TREASURE, KOTAN

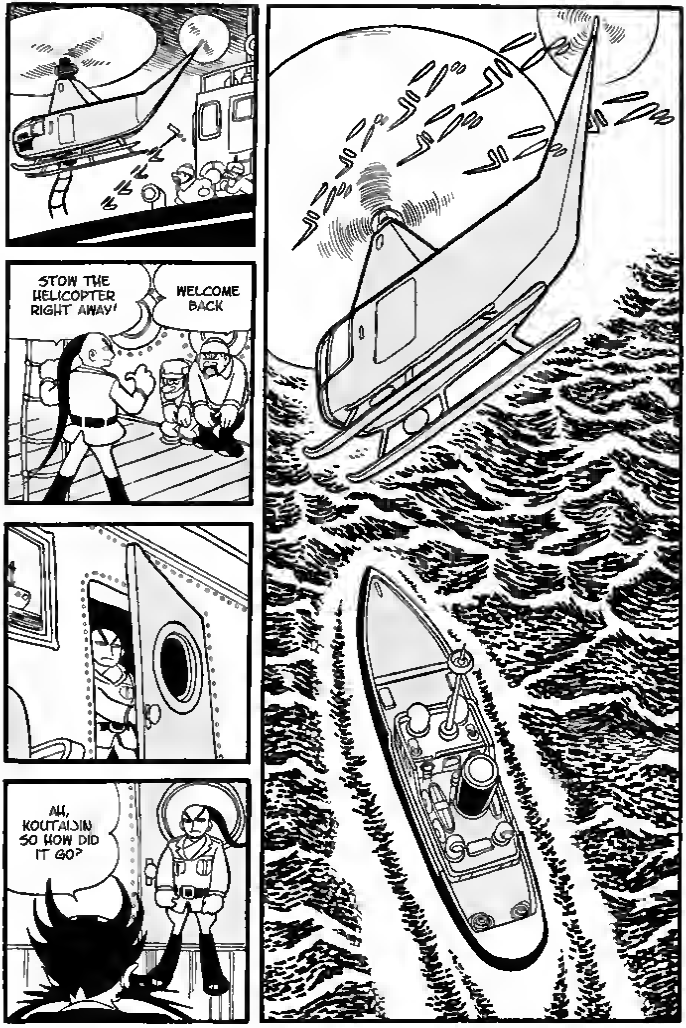
WAHAHA!
I HAVE THE THIRD KEY
UPOPO!
DON'T DIE
I MAY OWN THE THIRD KEY BUT I INSIST ON HAVING ALL THREE KEYS SO HAND OVER THE KEY YOU HAVE THERE!
THEN DIE
DAN, SWALLOW THE KEY!


WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING !?

DAMMIT! THAT'S NO ORDINARY KID!
HE BROUGHT DOWN THE WALL...
I LEFT MY GUN IN THERE!
AH, DAMN!
SAME HERE.
YEAH, HE EVEN HAS A TIGER...
IDIOT! HOLD ON TO YOUR WEAPON!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU GUYS ARE BUT HOW COULD YOU ATTACK THIS ANU TEMPLE AND KILL MY MASTER!? I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!
KHKH!
KYAAA!
HEH, HEH HEY, BOSS! YOU LOST YOUR GUN TOO!


UH, OH! IT'S A CLOUD OF VAMPIRE BATS!
AFTER THEM, DAN!
GROWL!
FWAHAHAHA!


DAMN...
THOSE GUYS IN THE HELICOPTER SHOT HIM AND LEFT HIM TO DIE.
JUST TO GET A KEY TO THE TREASURE OF THE AINU...
WHY WOULD THEY KILL SUCH A NICE PERSON LIKE HIM...?
DAN, CAN I SEE THE KEY?
THOSE GUYS WHO WERE AFTER IT...
WHO ARE THEY?
IT'S JUST A SMALL KEY...


STOW THE HELICOPTER RIGHT AWAY!
WELCOME BACK
AH, KOUTALDIN SO HOW DID IT GO?

I COULDN'T FIND THE KEY
I KILLED THE OWNER HOWEVER
HAVE YOU GOT THE KEY?
YOU FINALLY FOUND THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE KEY'S OWNER
USING THE INFORMATION I GAVE YOU!
THIS IS QUITE A MESS YOU'VE MADE KOUTALJIN
I'M IN A HURRY TO FIND THE ALL THREE KEYS THAT SHOW THE LOCATION OF THE AINU'S TREASURE!
KOUTALJIN I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR FUN!
HEH, HEH HEH IT'S IN HERE
BY THE WAY, IS YOUR KEY SAFE?
STOP YELLING AT ME LIKE THAT! I'LL GET IT! ALRIGHT!?

YOU'LL LOSE YOUR HAIR IF YOU DON'T STOP WORRYING!
ALRIGHT, HERE'S TO YOUR HEAD SKIN
NOBODY WOULD FIND IT UNLESS THEY SKINNED MY HEAD!
HAHAHA!
N-NO I I WASN'T!
YOU WERE EAVES-DROPPING WEREN'T YOU!?
PLEASE! FORGIVE ME! I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING!
ARG!
GYAAAHH!

EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE OUR OWN MEN IF THEY OVERHEAR THAT STORY, I CAN'T LET THEM LIVE!
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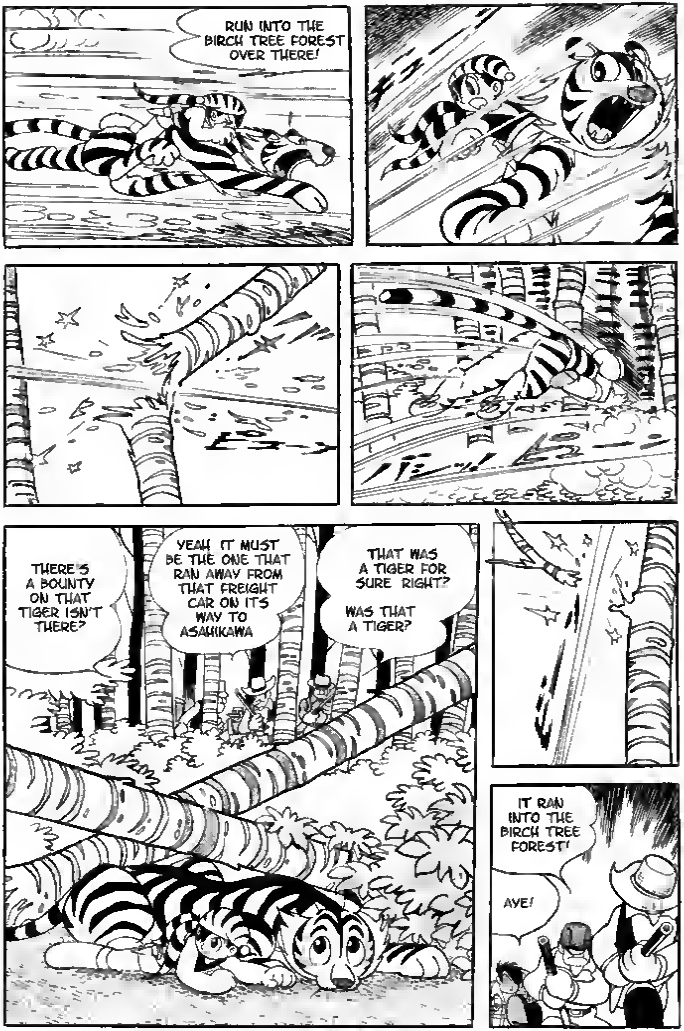
BOIL THIS OCTOPUS!
?
HE WAS LISTENING TOO!
AH, HA!
?
RIGHT!
THE TWO OF US KNOWING ABOUT IT ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH!
DAN, LET'S HURRY AND GET DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.
I MUST FIND OUT WHO OWNS THAT HELICOPTER!
DAN!

UMM... KOTAN, I CAN'T GO ANY FARTHER THAN THIS
WHAT'S WRONG, DAN? WHY DID YOU STOP SO SUDDENLY LIKE THAT?
GRRRR...
KOTAN YOU'RE THE ONLY EXCEPTION YOU'RE MY FRIEND AND WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BUT I DON'T WANT TO MEET ANY OTHER HUMAN BEINGS
BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN IF I'M WITH YOU, DAN
WHEN I SEE HUMAN BEINGS I CAN'T RESIST THE URGE TO KILL THEM I'VE BEEN TREATED TERRIBLY BY HUMANS IN THE PAST
THANK YOU, DAN
ALRIGHT I BELIEVE YOU
I'LL PROTECT YOU EVEN IF IT COSTS MY LIFE SO PLEASE DAN, COME TO TOWN WITH ME

GYAAAH!
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
LOOK DAN THAT'S THE TOWN
HEY! DON'T SHOOT!
YOU CAN'T SHOOT DAN!
SEE KOTAN! THIS IS WHAT I MEANT.


RUN INTO THE BIRCH TREE FOREST OVER THERE!
THERE'S A BOUNTY ON THAT TIGER ISN'T THERE?
YEAH IT MUST BE THE ONE THAT RAN AWAY FROM THAT FREIGHT CAR ON ITS WAY TO ASAHIKAWA
THAT WAS A TIGER FOR SURE RIGHT?
WAS THAT A TIGER?
IT RAN INTO THE BIRCH TREE FOREST!
AYE!

STAY HERE DAN YOU'LL GET SHOT IF YOU GO OUT NOW
UNGG!
DAMN TIGER!
COME ON OUT!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN
THEY JUST THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HURT THEM
THIS IS WHAT THEY ALWAYS DO...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME DOWN THE MOUNTAIN
I'M LEAVING
DON'T BOTHER I'M GOING BACK UP THE MOUNTAIN
I'LL TALK TO EVERYBODY SO DON'T WORRY
HUMAN BEINGS ARE MY ENEMY! I WON'T...
DAN!

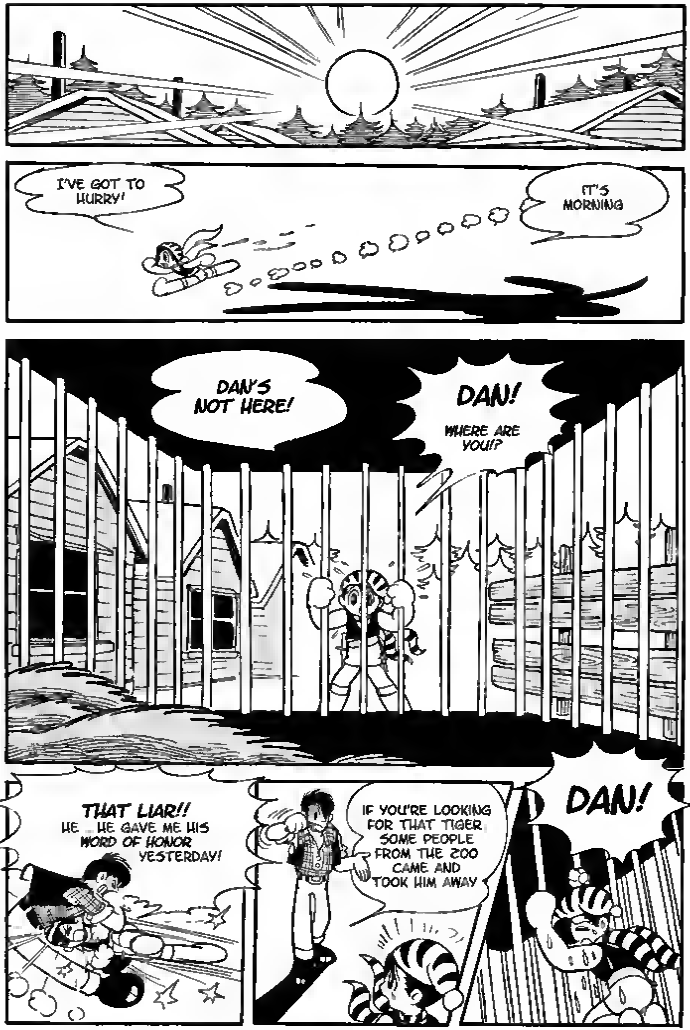
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE HUMAN WORLD SERIOUSLY
LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE
I HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS! FOR AN AQUAINTANCE I JUST CAN'T
I'M A TIGER!
THIS TIGER WOULD NEVER BITE OR TRY TO HARM PEOPLE
HE'S MY FRIEND, SO PLEASE STOP TRYING TO CAPTURE HIM!
:SIGH!:
I LOVE YOU DAN I REALLY MEAN IT!
HEY THERE, PLEASE DON'T SHOOT HIM!

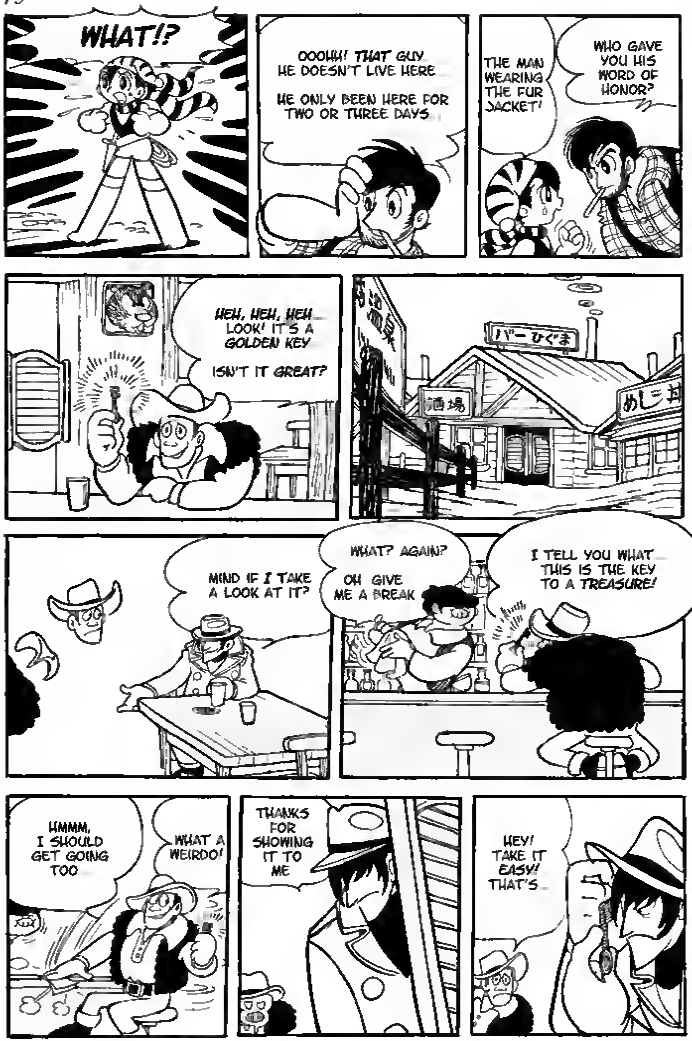
CAN YOU PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T SHOOT MY TIGER?
ALRIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU COME TO US?
NO WE CAME DOWN THE MOUNTAIN TOGETHER
HEY KID. YOU WERE CARRIED OFF BY THE TIGER WEREN'T YOU?
FOLLOW ME.
YEAH, I PROMISE YOU I WON'T SHOOT.
IT'S ALRIGHT, DAN
GAH!
YOU L-LIAR!
WHY DID YOU SET A TRAP!?
GROWL!
ガチャン!
I PROMISED YOU NOT TO SHOOT HIM
BUT I DIDN'T SAY I WOULDN'T CAPTURE HIM!

THIS ISN'T RIGHT! GET HIM OUT OF THAT CAGE!
HEH, HEH, HEH WE CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE THERE'S BOUNTY ON HIM
DAN DIDN'T DO THAT! IT MUST'VE BEEN A WOLF!
BESIDES, HE'S A LIVESTOCK THIEF AS WELL
THE BOUNTY'S WORTH ¥100,000! ON TOP OF THAT, IF WE BRING HIM ALIVE TO A ZOO WE'LL BE REWARDED!
10万円!
HUH?
チャリーン
YOU LIAR! YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF LIARS!
WELL, THERE'S NO EVIDENCE AND BESIDES WE CAN'T LET A TIGER JUST RUN AROUND LOOSE!

OH!
HEY, KID, YOU DROPPED A KEY.
WOOPS! I JUST WANT TO LOOK AT IT FOR A BIT
GIVE IT BACK!
IT... IT'S A GOLDEN KEY!
TELL ME MORE ABOUT IT, KID!
HMM... THIS KEY IS MADE BY THE AINU
I JUST BET THERE'S SOME KIND OF SECRET BEHIND IT.
ALRIGHT... HOW ABOUT THIS THEN, IF YOU GIVE ME THE KEY AND TELL ME IT'S SECRET... I'LL FREE THE TIGER!
UHH
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THAT!
HEH HEH, HEH... C'MON... TELLING ME ABOUT IT ISN'T GOING HURT... HEH, HEH

A-ALRIGHT... I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU...
BUT YOU HAVE TO FREE DAN... BY TOMORROW MORNING!
IT'S A MATTER OF HONOR BETWEEN MEN... YOU MUST KEEP YOUR WORD.
OH, SURE. OF COURSE!
TRUST ME!
NOW, TELL ME THE STORY OF THE KEY!
YOU AND THE TIGER CAN LEAVE AND GO ANYWHERE YOU WANT...
JUST BY GIVING ME THIS KEY HEH HEH HEH
I THOUGHT THAT TIGER WAS YOUR BEST FRIEND...
WELL, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ABOUT SAVING YOUR BEST FRIEND'S LIFE... HEH HEH, HEH


I'VE GOT TO HURRY!
IT'S MORNING
DAN'S NOT HERE!
DAN!
WHERE ARE YOU!?
THAT LIAR!!
HE... HE GAVE ME HIS WORD OF HONOR YESTERDAY!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THAT TIGER SOME PEOPLE FROM THE ZOO CAME AND TOOK HIM AWAY
DAN!


WHAT!?
OOOWH! THAT GUY HE DOESN'T LIVE HERE... HE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS...
THE MAN WEARING THE FUR JACKET!
WHO GAVE YOU HIS WORD OF HONOR?
HEH, HEH, HEH... LOOK! IT'S A GOLDEN KEY ISN'T IT GREAT?
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めし
MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT IT?
WHAT? AGAIN? OH GIVE ME A BREAK
I TELL YOU WHAT... THIS IS THE KEY TO A TREASURE!
HMMM, I SHOULD GET GOING TOO...
WHAT A WEIRDO!
THANKS FOR SHOWING IT TO ME
HEY! TAKE IT EASY! THAT'S...

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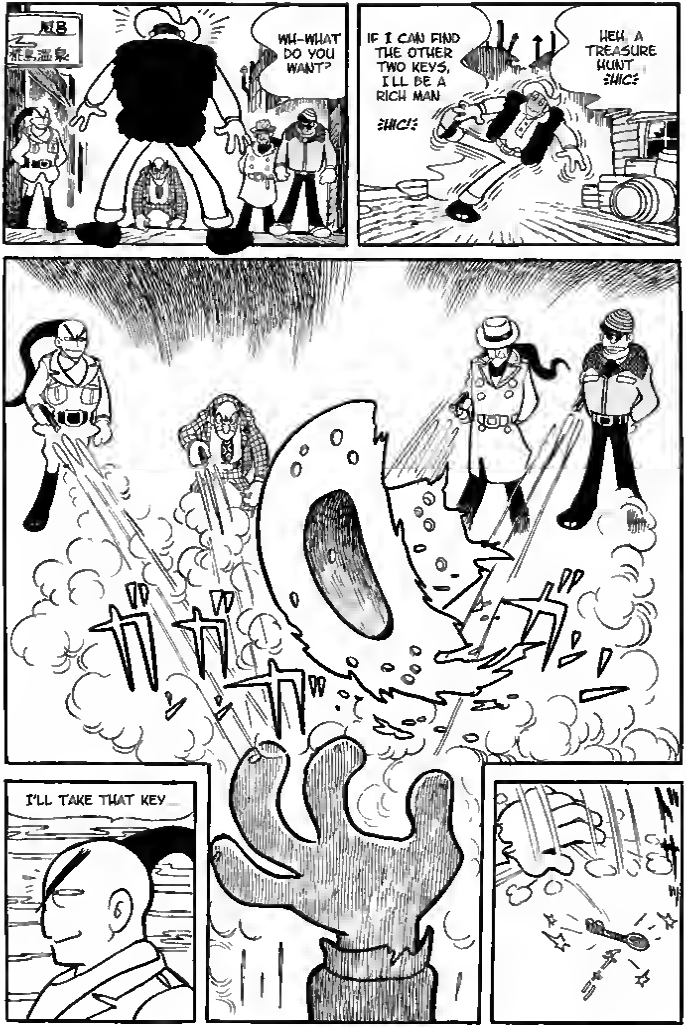
N.B
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IF I CAN FIND THE OTHER TWO KEYS, I'LL BE A RICH MAN
:HIC!:
HEH, A TREASURE HUNT :HIC!
I'LL TAKE THAT KEY

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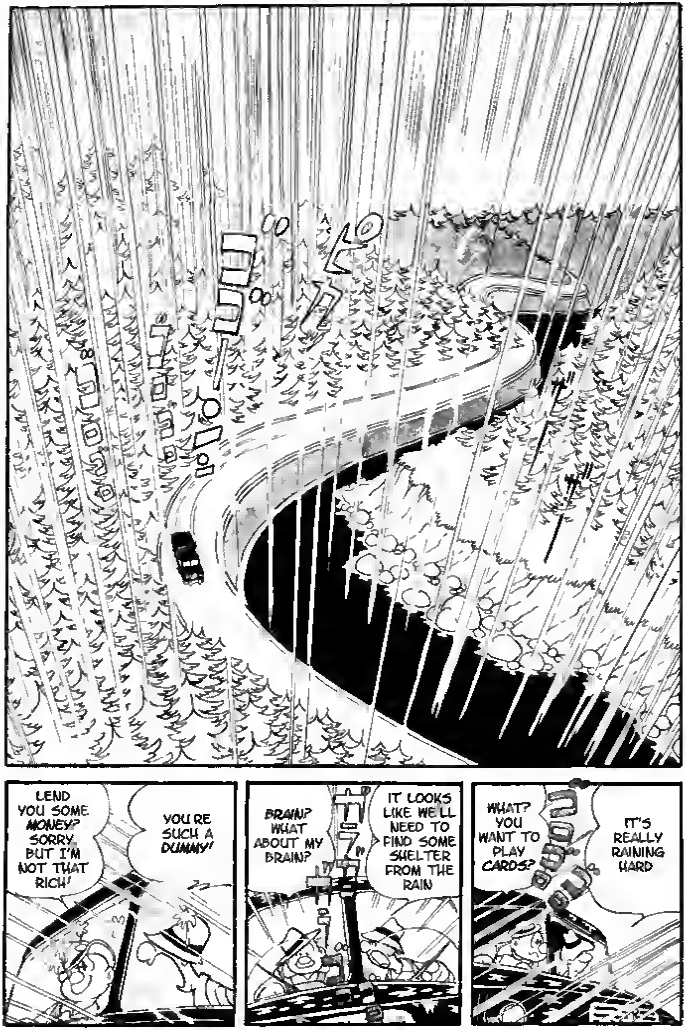
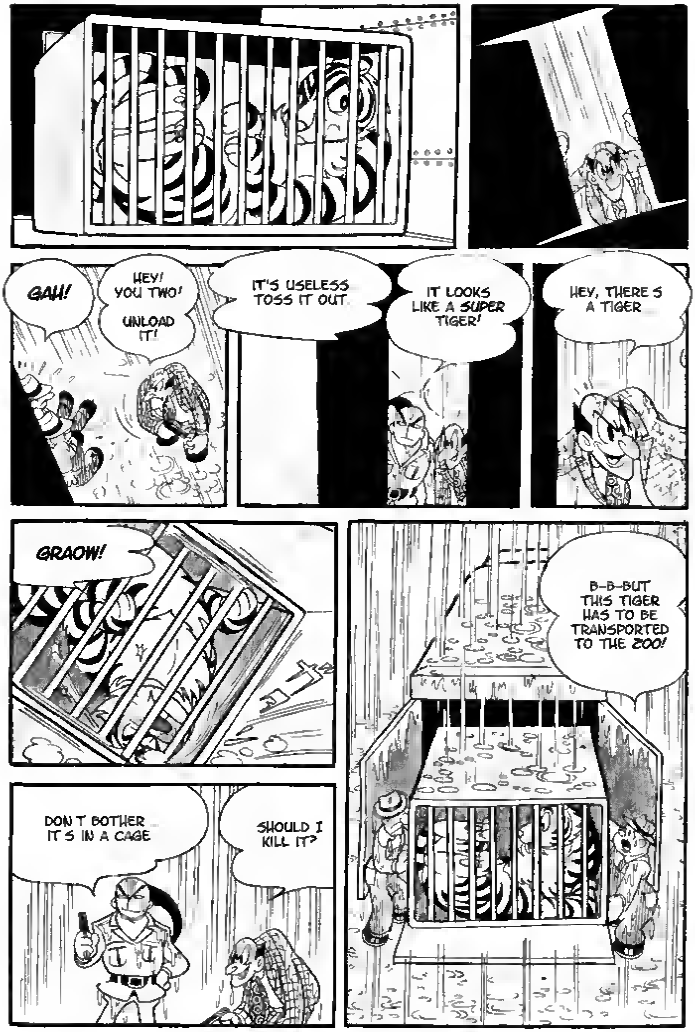
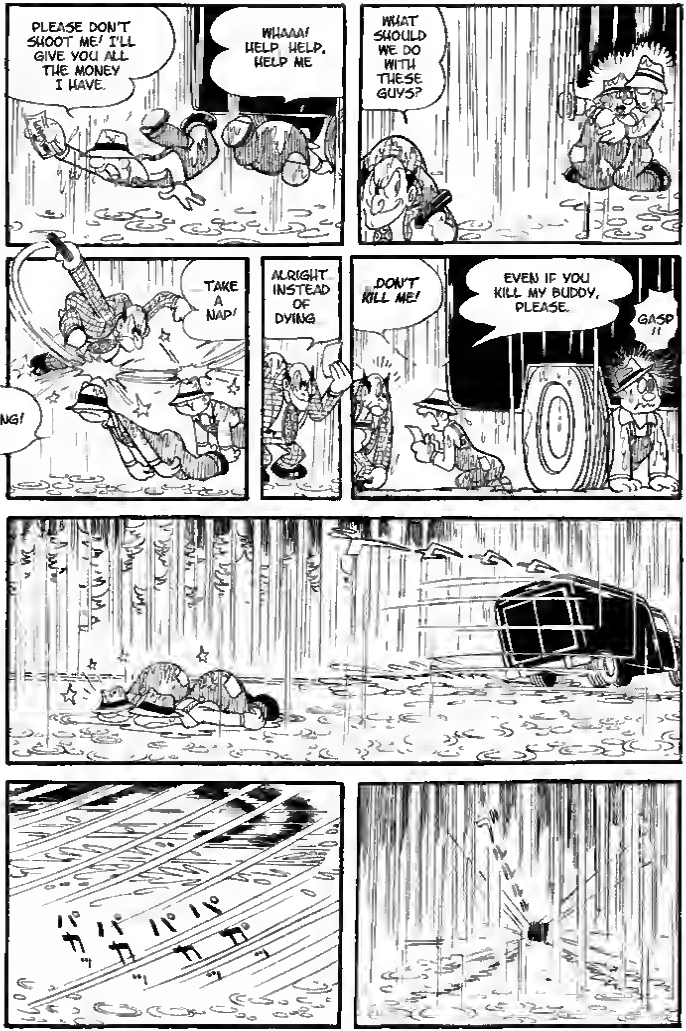
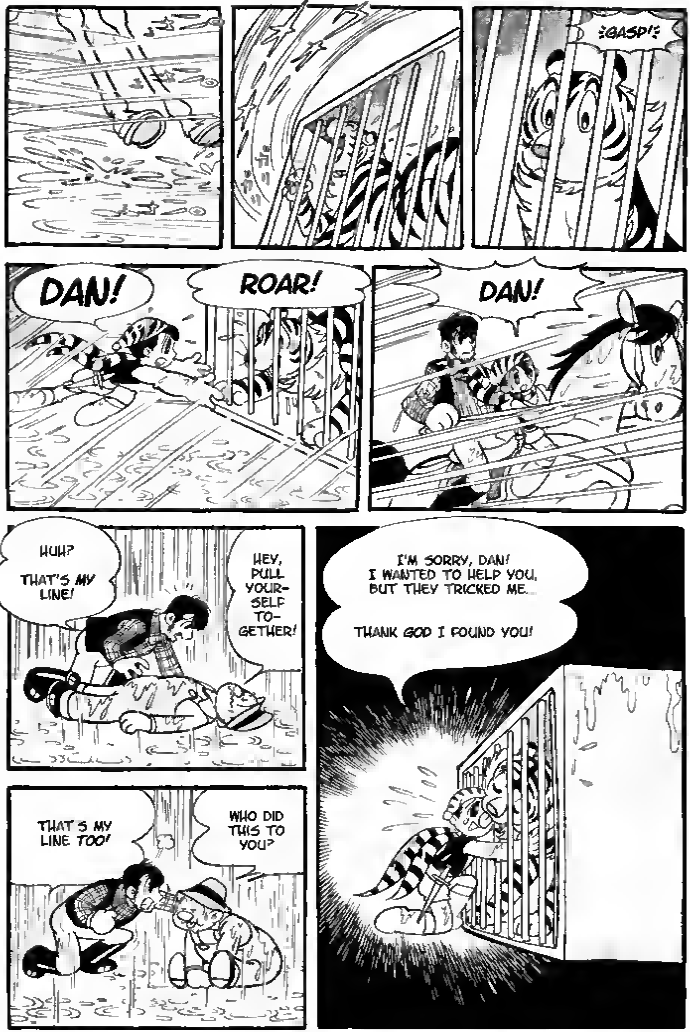

LEND YOU SOME MONEY? SORRY, BUT I'M NOT THAT RICH!
YOU'RE SUCH A DUMMY!
BRAIN? WHAT ABOUT MY BRAIN?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL NEED TO FIND SOME SHELTER FROM THE RAIN
WHAT? YOU WANT TO PLAY CARDS?
IT'S REALLY RAINING HARD

YIKES!
HEY! LOOK! SOMEONE'S THERE!
HEH, HEH, HEH WELL WE ARE GETTING ¥10 000 JUST TO TRANSPORT A TIGER!
GET OUT!
HEY, YOU SHOULDN'T RUN OUT IN FRONT OF A CAR LIKE THAT!
DO YOU WANT A LIFT?
YES SIR!
CHECK THE CARGO!
SINCE IT SEEMS OUR HELICOPTER CAN'T FLY IN THIS RAIN
WE'LL BE TAKING YOUR CAR


GAH!
HEY! YOU TWO! UNLOAD IT!
IT'S USELESS TOSS IT OUT
IT LOOKS LIKE A SUPER TIGER!
HEY, THERE'S A TIGER
GRAOW!
B-B-BUT THIS TIGER HAS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE ZOO!
DON'T BOTHER IT'S IN A CAGE
SHOULD I KILL IT?

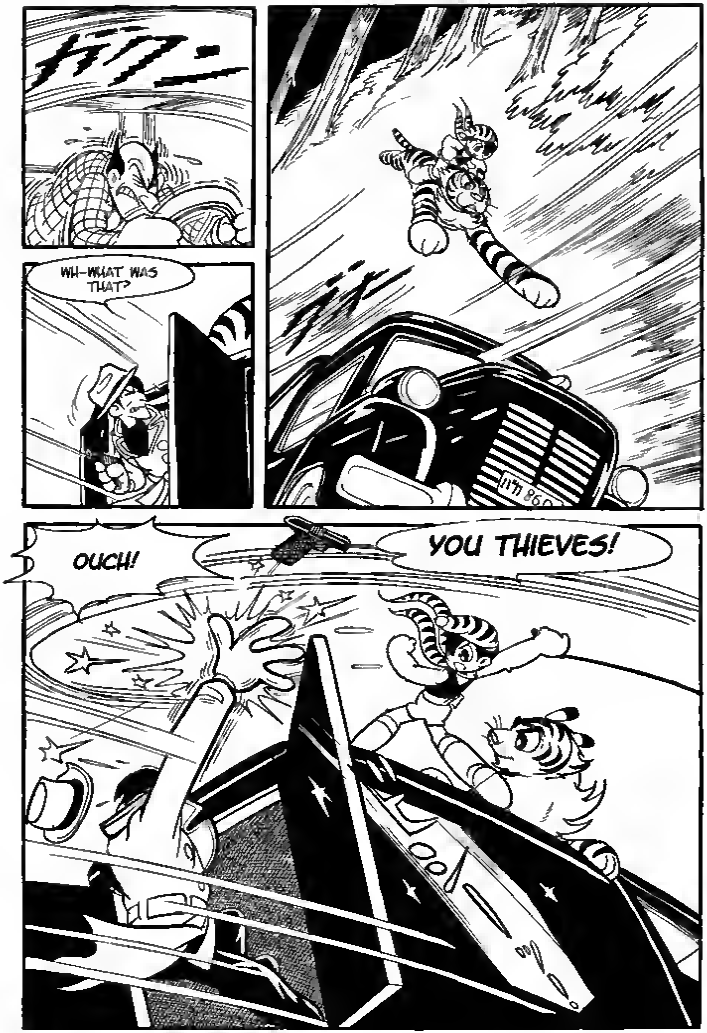

PLEASE DON'T SHOOT ME! I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE MONEY I HAVE.
WHAAA! HELP, HELP, HELP ME
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THESE GUYS?
UNNG!
TAKE A NAP!
ALRIGHT INSTEAD OF DYING
DON'T KILL ME!
EVEN IF YOU KILL MY BUDDY, PLEASE.
GASP !!


:GASP!:
DAN!
ROAR!
DAN!
HUH?
THAT'S MY LINE!
HEY, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
I'M SORRY, DAN! I WANTED TO HELP YOU, BUT THEY TRICKED ME...
THANK GOD I FOUND YOU!
THAT'S MY LINE TOO!
WHO DID THIS TO YOU?

THREE THIEVES TOOK OUR CAR AND MONEY!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WUAAAAH! OOOHOOOHOOO!
THEY TOOK MY ₩10,000!
YEP. AND I ALSO REMEMBER THEIR SCENTS
DAN, DID YOU SEE WHAT THE THIEVES LOOKED LIKE?
DAMMIT! GIVE ME BACK MY ₩10,000!
LET'S CATCH UP WITH THAT CAR, DAN!
HUH? THAT CHINESE LOOKING GUY WITH THE LONG HAIR?
HEY! WHATEVER HAPPENS TO YOU, I WON'T BE RESPONSIBLE!
OK!
PLEASE LET DAN OUT OF THE CAGE!

GRAOOW!
OH, LET'S TAKE A SHORTCUT!
THERE IT IS!
THE ROAD IS RIGHT OVER THIS HILL

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET THE SECOND KEY SO EASILY
WELL, IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR LUCK, KOUTAIDIN
HEH, HEH HEH
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE SURE TO FIND THE THIRD KEY PRETTY SOON
LET'S GO!
IT'S STOPPED RAINING
KEEP GOING!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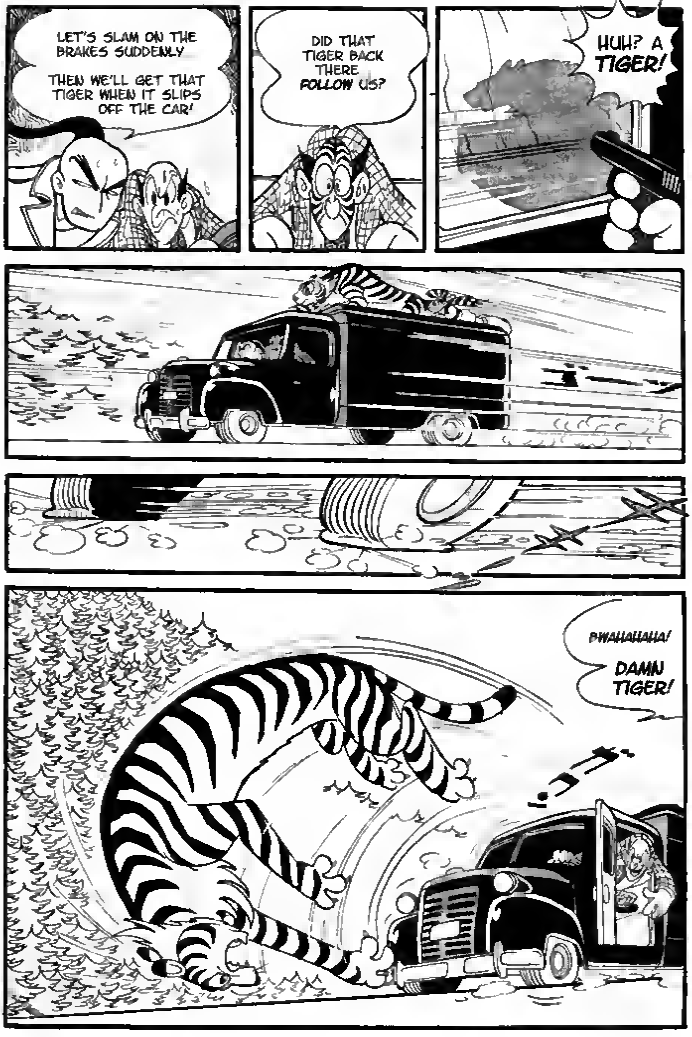
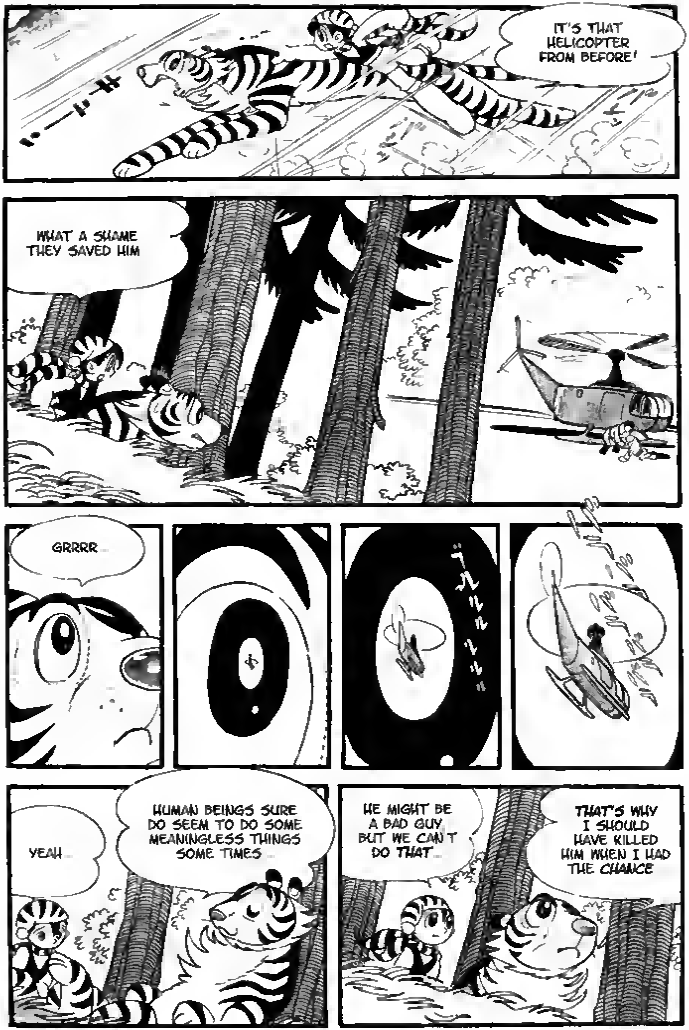
WH-WHAT WAS THAT?
OUCH!
YOU THIEVES!


LET'S SLAM ON THE BRAKES SUDDENLY
THEN WE'LL GET THAT TIGER WHEN IT SLIPS OFF THE CAR!
DID THAT TIGER BACK THERE FOLLOW US?
HUH? A TIGER!
BWAHAHAHA!
DAMN TIGER!

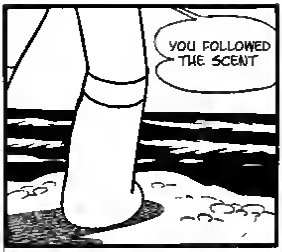
NO SHOOTING!
AARGH!
YOU LITTLE BRAT...
GYAH!
GROWL!

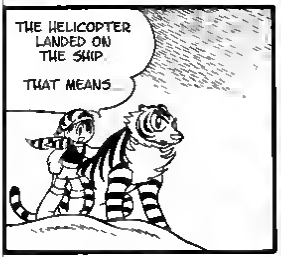
GYAAAH!! YAAARGHHH!
DAN! STOP!
GYA!
AARGHHHH!
THE ONE THAT WAS TAKEN BY THAT LIAR!
HEY! THIS IS MY KEY!

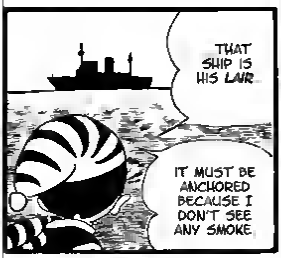
UHHG... I GOT IT FROM SOME STRANGER IN TOWN
TELL ME RIGHT NOW!
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED THAT OLD MAN UPOPO RIGHT?
I'VE STILL GOT A FEW MORE QUESTIONS...
SO WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?
ARE YOU GONNA LET THE TIGER EAT ME?
OH NO, DAN! FIND SOME SHELTER!
YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE THREATS?
HEY KID IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, YOU WON'T GO PLAYING DETECTIVE...
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE US
WELL, DON'T LOOK NOW BUT HERE COMES THE CAVALRY!


IT'S THAT HELICOPTER FROM BEFORE!
WHAT A SHAME THEY SAVED HIM
GRRRR...
"ブルルルル"
HUMAN BEINGS SURE DO SEEM TO DO SOME MEANINGLESS THINGS SOME TIMES...
YEAH...
HE MIGHT BE A BAD GUY BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT...
THAT'S WHY I SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE

ALL RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND
I JUST WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT MYSTERY MAN IS ALL
LOOK, KOTAN WHY DON'T YOU STAY AWAY FROM TOWN? I'LL FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE ELSE, OKAY?
LET'S FOLLOW THE SCENT!
ALRIGHT, DAN!
THAT FLYING MACHINE WENT THAT WAY TOWARDS THE SEA
LET'S HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE HELICOPTER!

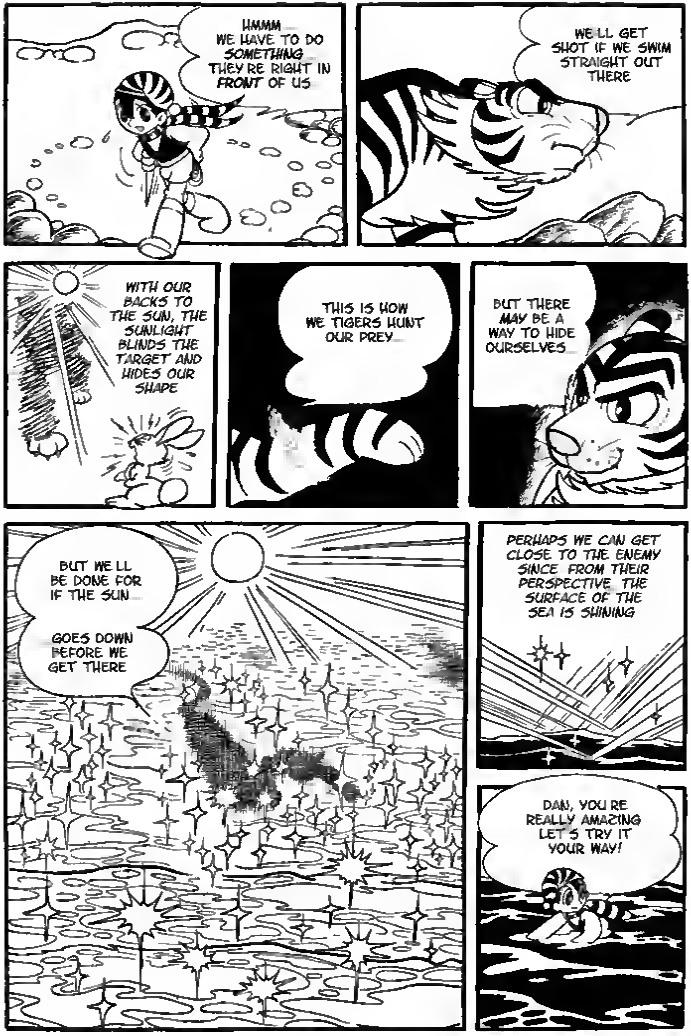

YOU FOLLOWED THE SCENT

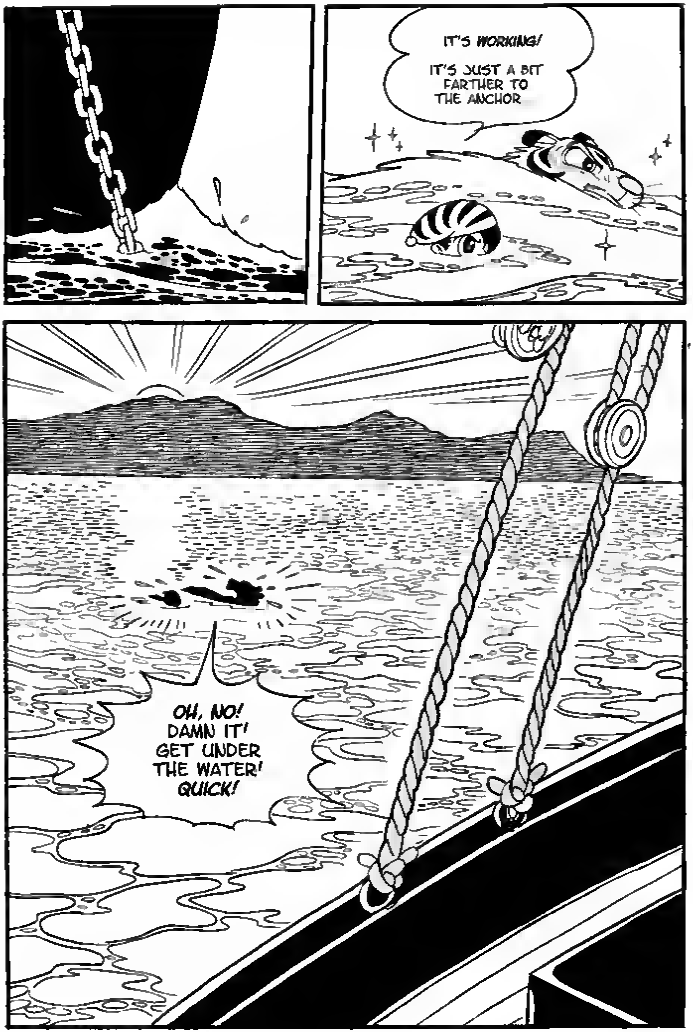

THE HELICOPTER LANDED ON THE SHIP
THAT MEANS

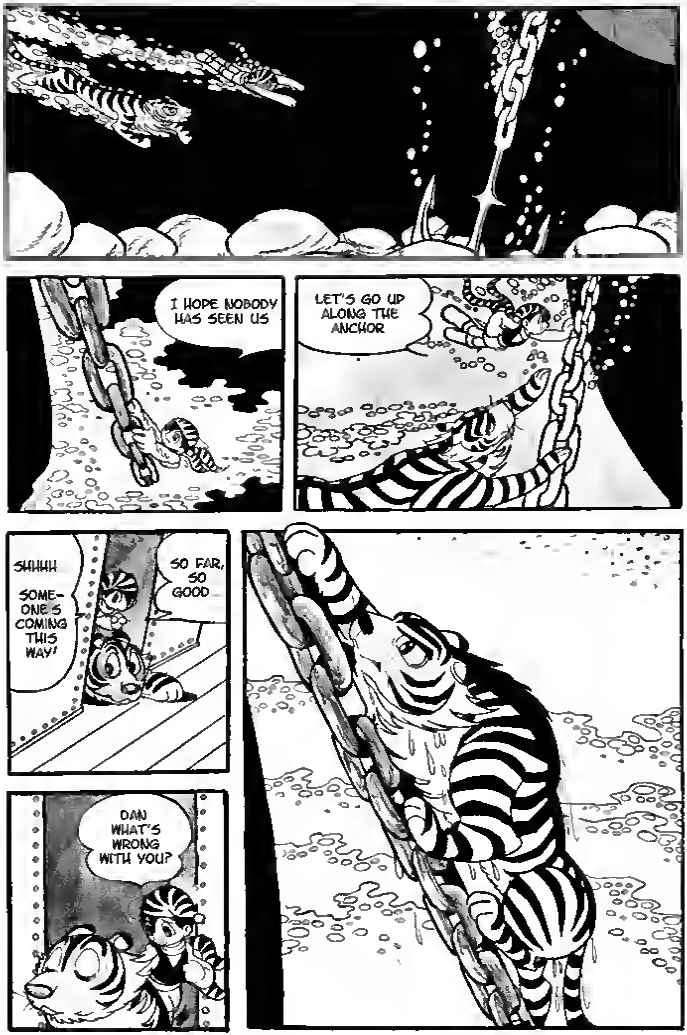

THAT SHIP IS HIS LAIR
IT MUST BE ANCHORED BECAUSE I DON'T SEE ANY SMOKE

I CAN BUT IT'S DANGER-OUS
DAN CAN YOU SWIM OUT THERE?

IT'S THE SEA!

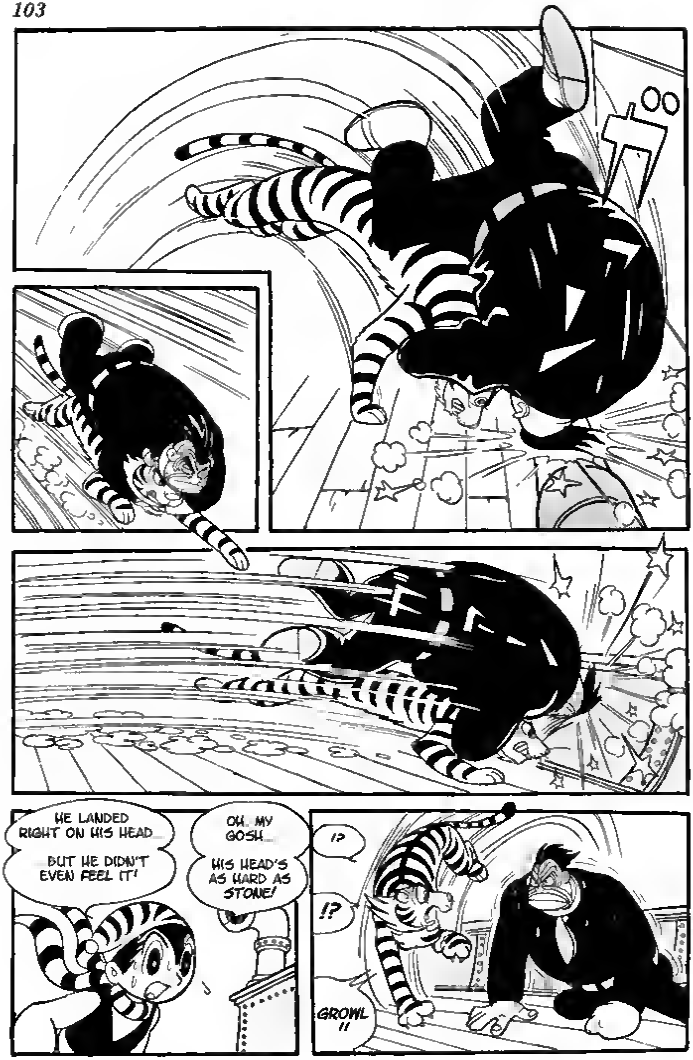

HMMM... WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING... THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US
WE'LL GET SHOT IF WE SWIM STRAIGHT OUT THERE
WITH OUR BACKS TO THE SUN, THE SUNLIGHT BLINDS THE TARGET AND HIDES OUR SHAPE
THIS IS HOW WE TIGERS HUNT OUR PREY...
BUT THERE MAY BE A WAY TO HIDE OURSELVES...
BUT WE'LL BE DONE FOR IF THE SUN... GOES DOWN BEFORE WE GET THERE
PERHAPS WE CAN GET CLOSE TO THE ENEMY SINCE FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE THE SURFACE OF THE SEA IS SHINING
DAN, YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING! LET'S TRY IT YOUR WAY!

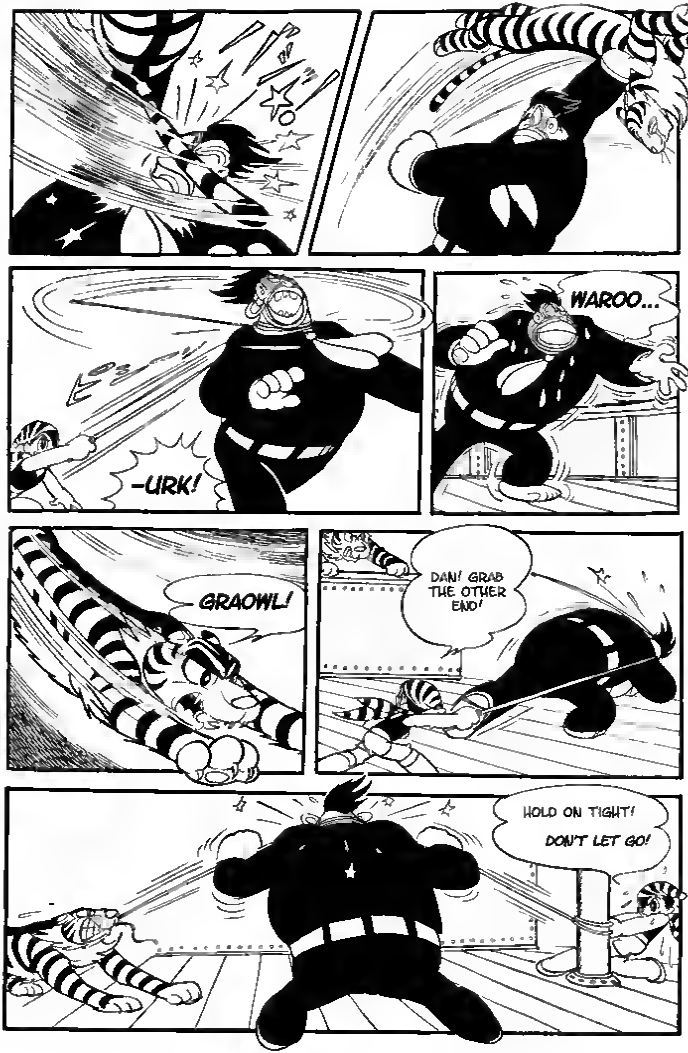

IT'S WORKING!
IT'S JUST A BIT FARTHER TO THE ANCHOR
OH, NO! DAMN IT! GET UNDER THE WATER! QUICK!


I HOPE NOBODY HAS SEEN US
LET'S GO UP ALONG THE ANCHOR
SHHHH
SOME-ONE'S COMING THIS WAY!
SO FAR, SO GOOD
DAN WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

DAN!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
DON'T GO WANDERING AROUND
:OOOF!:
OH, NO!
PURR PURRR
AROOOOW!
IT'S SILVER VINE!

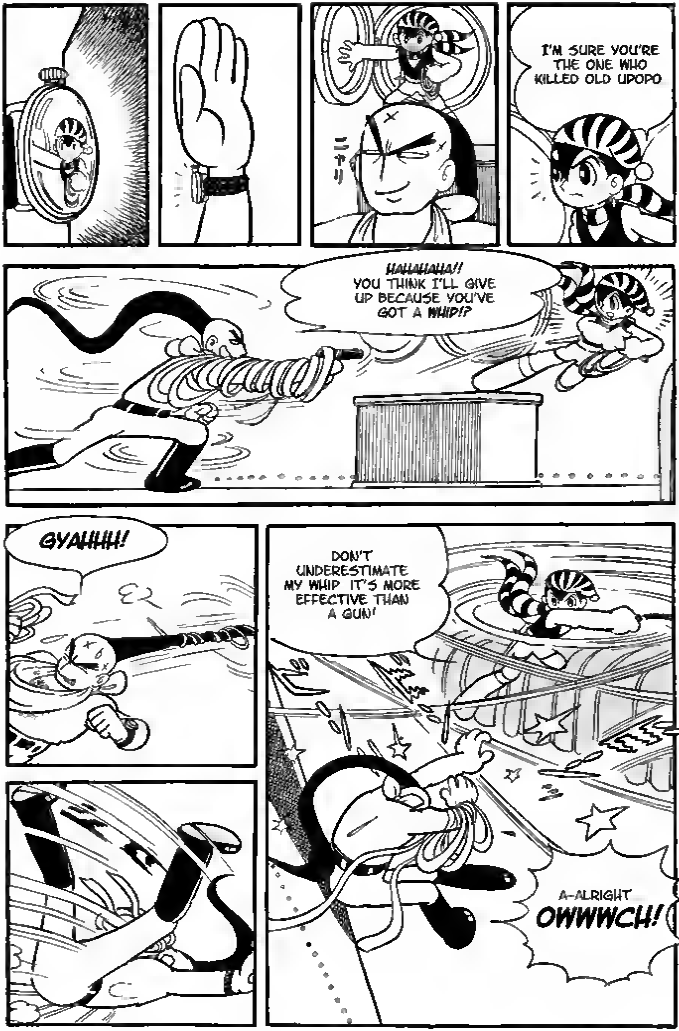
DAN! GET OUT OF THE WAY!
WROO!
GWRAOOR! GROWL! WRAOOOO!


HE LANDED RIGHT ON HIS HEAD...
...BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN FEEL IT!
OH, MY GOSH...
HIS HEAD'S AS HARD AS STONE!
!?
!?
GROWL


WAROO...
-URK!
GRAOWL!
DAN! GRAB THE OTHER END!
HOLD ON TIGHT! DON'T LET GO!

FINALLY!
HE'S DOWN
C'MON! KEEP IT TIGHT!
YOU'RE STOPPING ME AGAIN?
HE'S STILL ALIVE.
DAN DON'T KILL HIM!
DAN!
DON'T WORRY KOTAN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT
KILL THEIR ENEMIES
OTHERWISE, THEY'LL KILL YOU!
BUT TIGERS MAKE IT A RULE TO
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS
THERE'S NO NEED TO KILL HIM!
ALRIGHT, I GET IT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO SORE ABOUT IT
ALRIGHT, FINE! IF YOU INSIST ON KILLING HIM
KILL ME FIRST!
DAN, ARE YOU THAT EAGER TO KILL SOMEONE!?

YOU MAY BE AN ENEMY, BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE
INDIANS NEVER FORGET A FAVOR
JUST SO LONG AS YOU DON'T TELL ANYBODY THAT WE CAME ABOARD THIS SHIP!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY...
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST KILL ME?
WHY DID YOU SPARE ME?
HE'S IN A ROOM BELOW BUT NOBODY WILL SEE YOU IF YOU GO THROUGH THE WINDOW
THEN TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND THE OWNER OF THIS SHIP!
I'LL PAY MY DEBT. JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT
THOUGHT YOU GOT AWAY BY HELICOPTER BACK THERE, DIDN'T YOU?
I FOUND YOU MYSTERY MAN!
DAN, KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!


I'M SURE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED OLD UPOPO
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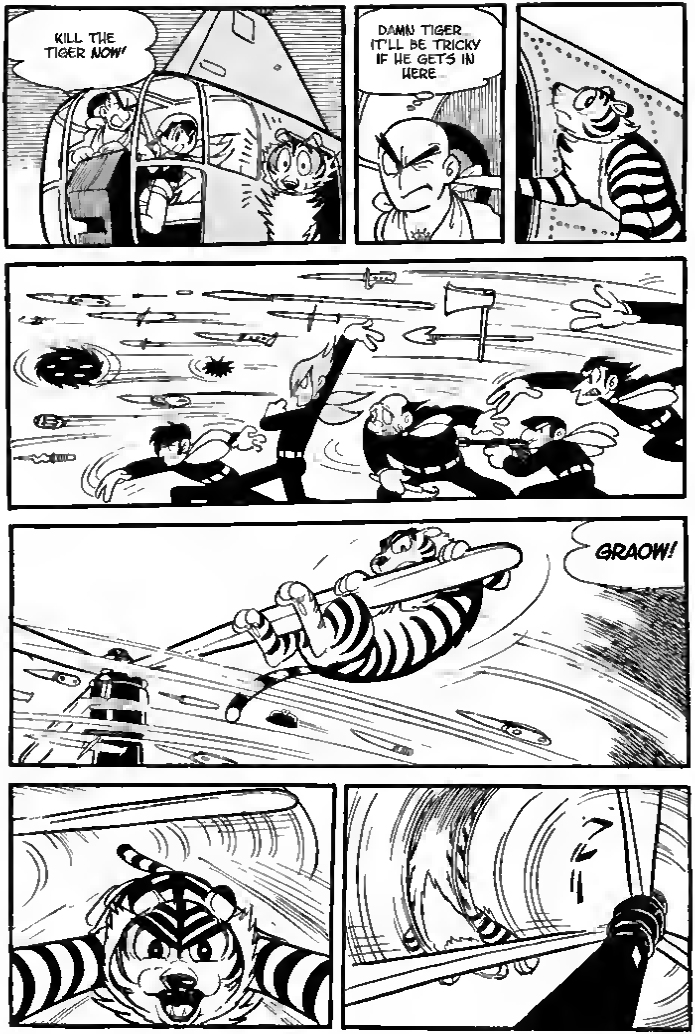
HAHAHAHA!! YOU THINK I'LL GIVE UP BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A WHIP!?
GYAHHH!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY WHIP IT'S MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A GUN!
A-ALRIGHT
OWWWCH!

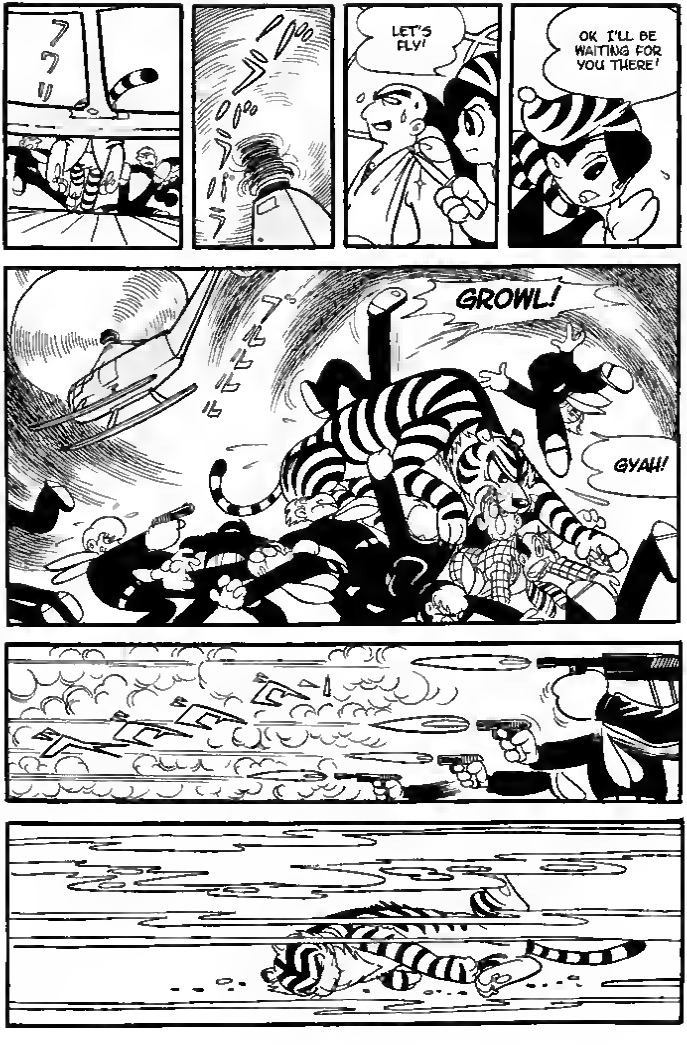
DAMMIT!
WHAT THE-?!
IT'S THE SECOND KEY
AH, AH, AHHH NOT SO FAST
YOU JUST TELL THEM NOT TO GET IN MY WAY
THEY WON'T GO EASY ON YOU!
I'LL LET YOU LIVE, BUT SHOW ME THE WAY OUT!
HEH, HEH, HEH THERE'S THOUSANDS OF MY HENCHMEN ON THIS SHIP, KID

HEY... I KNOW THAT KID...
MR KOUSET-SUKOKU WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH! MISTER KOUSET-SUKOKU...
BUT, MR KOUSET-SUKOKU!
DON'T SHOOT THE KID
NO, NUMBER ONE.
!!
I'LL HANDLE THIS MYSELF
I'M ALREADY THINKING ABOUT HOW TO MAKE HIM PAY HEH, HEH, HEH...
HUH?
I DON'T WANT THE MEN TO INTERFERE.
KEEP AN EYE ON THE OTHER MEN
GROWL!
DAN!

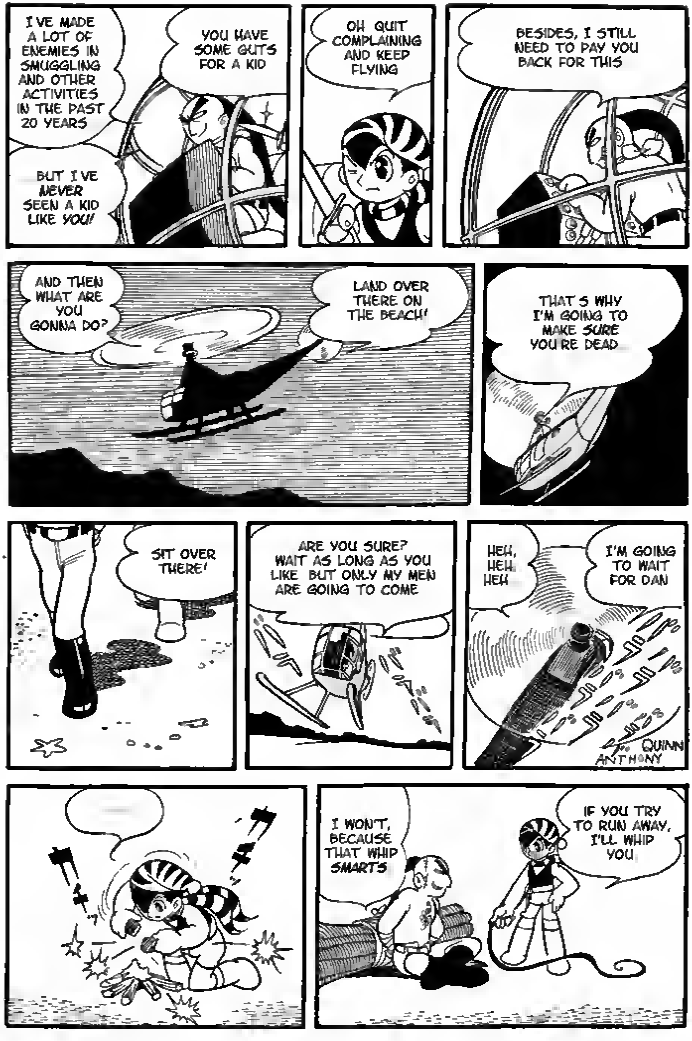
GET IN THE HELICOPTER!
BE CAREFUL, KOTAN
HE'S JUST WAITING FOR HIS CHANCE.
YOU KNOW HOW TO FLY, RIGHT?
DAN, GET IN
BUT KEEP UP YOUR GUARD.
HIS WHOLE BODY SMELLS LIKE BLOOD
I KNOW DAN DON'T WORRY


KILL THE TIGER NOW!
DAMN TIGER... IT'LL BE TRICKY IF HE GET'S IN HERE...
GRAOW!

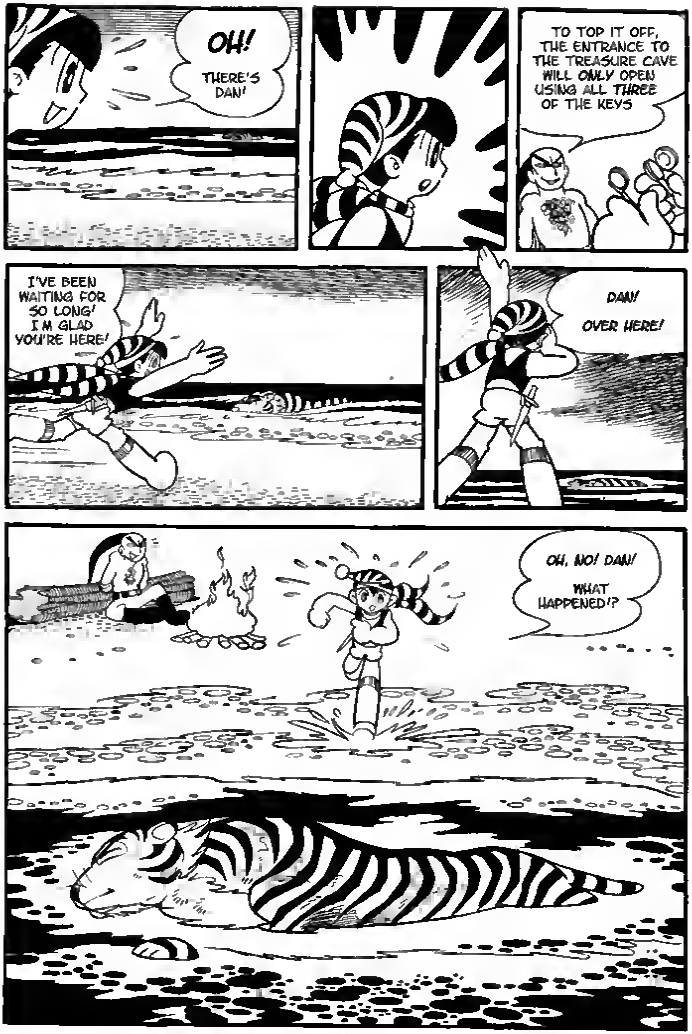
DAN!
KOTAN, GO!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST GO! I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!
BUT DAN! THEY'LL KILL YOU!
I'LL MEET YOU AT THE BEACH LATER!
SIGH!! I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TO A BUNCH OF HUMAN BEINGS!
GROWL!


LET'S FLY!
OK I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE!
GROWL!
GYAH!

HEH, HEH, HEH...
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
AAAHHHH!!
HEH, HEH, HEH... I'M SURE YOUR FRIEND IS NOTHING MORE THAN A TIGER SKIN CARPET BY NOW...
THEY WON'T KILL DAN SO LONG AS YOU'RE MY HOSTAGE.
A HOSTAGE? AM I? I DON'T THINK SO
I'M JUST GOING ALONG WITH YOU BECAUSE I WANT TO GET MY HANDS ON YOUR KEYS.


I'VE MADE A LOT OF ENEMIES IN SMUGGLING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST 20 YEARS
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A KID LIKE YOU!
YOU HAVE SOME GUTS FOR A KID
OH QUIT COMPLAINING AND KEEP FLYING
BESIDES, I STILL NEED TO PAY YOU BACK FOR THIS
AND THEN WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
LAND OVER THERE ON THE BEACH!
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE DEAD
SIT OVER THERE!
ARE YOU SURE? WAIT AS LONG AS YOU LIKE BUT ONLY MY MEN ARE GOING TO COME
HEH, HEH, HEH
I'M GOING TO WAIT FOR DAN
QUINN ANTHONY
I WON'T, BECAUSE THAT WHIP SMARTS
IF YOU TRY TO RUN AWAY, I'LL WHIP YOU

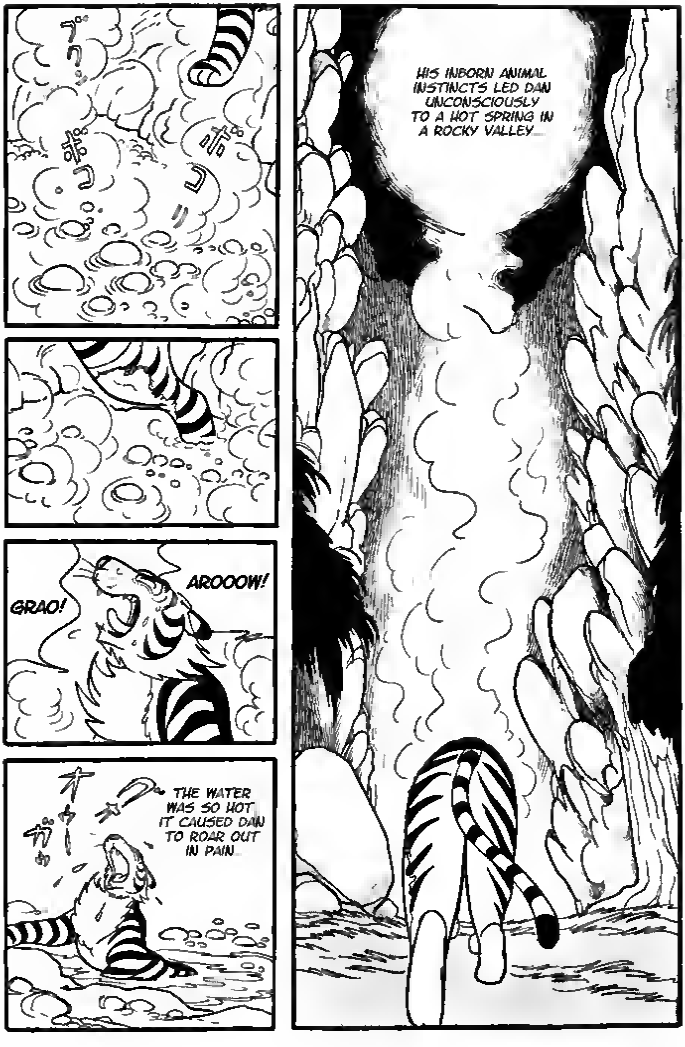
BECAUSE THEY'LL SOON BE MINE AGAIN ANYWAY
I SEE WELL, YOU'D BETTER NOT LOSE THEM
OF COURSE I DO
DO YOU STILL HAVE BOTH KEYS?
DON'T WORRY JUST PRESS IT
PRESS THE HEAD OF THE KEY
OH, DO YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING?
OH IT OPENED
WITHOUT THE THIRD KEY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW THE TREASURE'S LOCATION
BUT THE MAP WON'T BE COMPLETE UNLESS YOU COLLECT ALL THREE KEYS
THAT'S THE SECRET OF THE KEYS THIS IS THE MAP OF THE AINU'S HIDDEN TREASURE

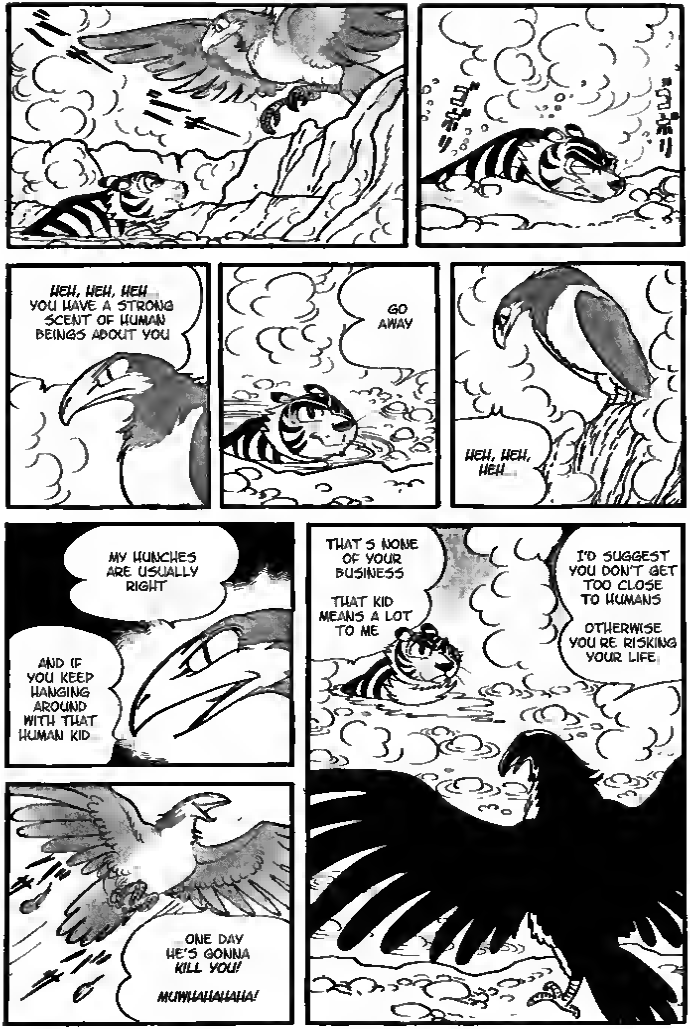

OH!
THERE'S DAN!
TO TOP IT OFF, THE ENTRANCE TO THE TREASURE CAVE WILL ONLY OPEN USING ALL THREE OF THE KEYS
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SO LONG! I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE!
DAN! OVER HERE!
OH, NO! DAN! WHAT HAPPENED!?

DAN, YOU ALRIGHT? OH, NO! YOU'RE BADLY WOUNDED
:GASP!:
BWAHAHAHA!
BWAHAHAHA! SEE WHAT HAPPENED!

WHA...
YOU'RE ALIVE!
GROWL!
ARGH!
UHHH UHHHHHH...!!
AHH!
:HMPH!: I JUST THOUGHT I'D GAVE HIM A JOLT SINCE HE'S SO ANNOYING
DAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
UNGG

I WENT ON A RAMPAGE AND THEN JUMPED INTO THE SEA... BUT I GOT SHOT IN THE LEG
OH, THIS WOUND IS REALLY BAD YOUR LEG IS SPLIT OPEN
UNGH...
NO PLEASE DON'T
CAN I COME WITH YOU?
I'LL GO TAKE CARE OF IT AND I'LL BE BACK BEFORE DAYBREAK
WELL, WHAT CAN WE DO?
IF YOU IGNORE IT, YOU'LL DIE
DON'T WORRY, KOTAN
ALONG THE WAY, DAN BEGAN EATING SEVERAL TYPES OF GRASS...
SOME OF WHICH HAPPENED TO BE MEDICINAL HERBS...
AND SOON HIS PAIN HAD MELTED AWAY
AND SO DAN CLIMBED UP THE MOUNTAIN
NOT EVEN KNOWING HIMSELF WHERE HE WAS HEADING, IT WAS IF A MYSTERIOUS POWER WAS LEADING HIM...


HIS INBORN ANIMAL INSTINCTS LED DAN UNCONSCIOUSLY TO A HOT SPRING IN A ROCKY VALLEY...
GRAO!
AROOOW!
THE WATER WAS SO HOT IT CAUSED DAN TO ROAR OUT IN PAIN...

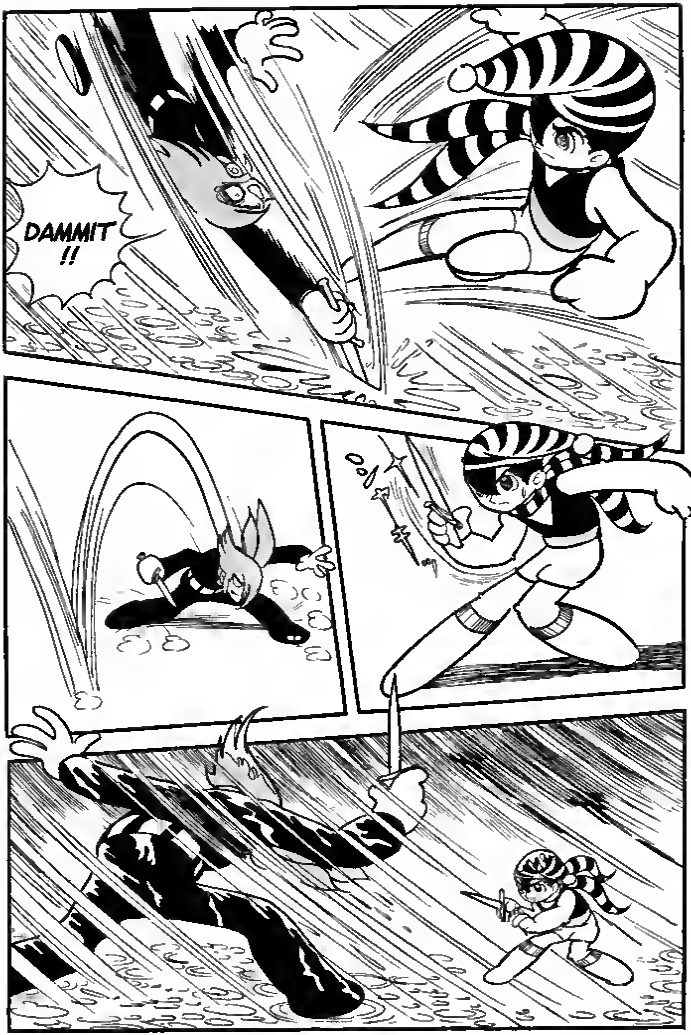

HEH, HEH, HEH
YOU HAVE A STRONG SCENT OF HUMAN BEINGS ABOUT YOU
GO AWAY
HEH, HEH, HEH
MY HUNCHES ARE USUALLY RIGHT
AND IF YOU KEEP HANGING AROUND WITH THAT HUMAN KID
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
THAT KID MEANS A LOT TO ME
I'D SUGGEST YOU DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HUMANS
OTHERWISE YOU'RE RISKING YOUR LIFE
ONE DAY HE'S GONNA KILL YOU!
MUHHAHAHAHA!

HE WILL KILL YOU WITH A SINGLE SHOT
THAT IS YOUR FATE. MUHHAHAHAHA!
IF IT DOES HAPPEN...
STILL
AS IF THAT WOULD EVER HAPPEN!
KOTAN'S GOING TO KILL ME?
HMMM... IT'S GETTING WINDY
IS THERE A STORM COMING?
NO ONE CAN GO ANYWHERE WHEN THE WAVES ARE THIS ROUGH!
HMMM WHAT TO DO
ISN'T THERE ANYONE HERE WHO CAN GO TO SHORE AND GET BACK THOSE KEYS!?

I'LL DO IT, DR ZOGER BUT JUST REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR WORD
A SHARE OF THE AINU'S TREASURE FOR ANY MAN WHO COMES FORWARD!
SOMEONE... ANYONE!
ALRIGHT JUST DON'T FORGET YOU'VE GIVEN ME YOUR WORD!
JUST ONE QUESTION BEFORE I GO
WHAT EXACTLY IS THE AINU'S TREASURE?
UHM... I'LL TELL YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK
A STORM LIKE THIS IS NOT THAT BIG A DEAL 10 METERS DOWN, THE SEA IS PRETTY CALM

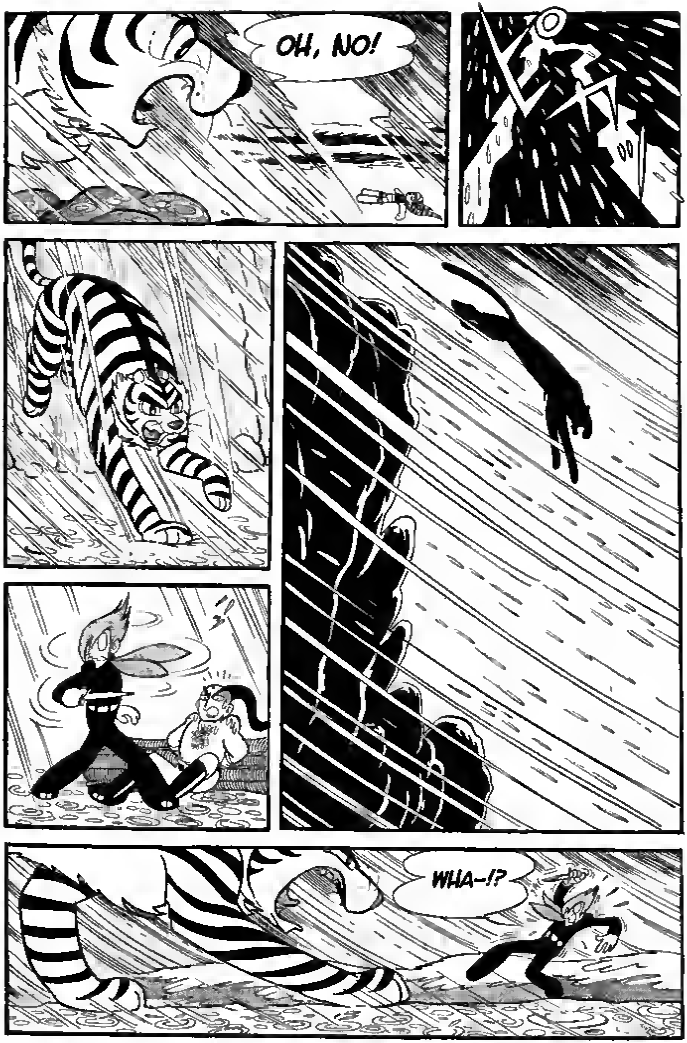
I'LL JUST GIVE IT BACK TO THE AINU PEOPLE.
NOTHING
HEY KID, WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE AINU'S TREASURE IF YOU FIND IT?
MY FATHER TOLD ME THAT THERE'S NOT THAT MANY PURE BLOOD AINU LEFT IN THE WORLD BECAUSE THE MAINLANDERS HUNTED THEM DOWN A LONG TIME AGO
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
:TSK!: WHAT A WASTE.
I HAVE TO DO IT BECAUSE AINU PEOPLE ARE KIND...

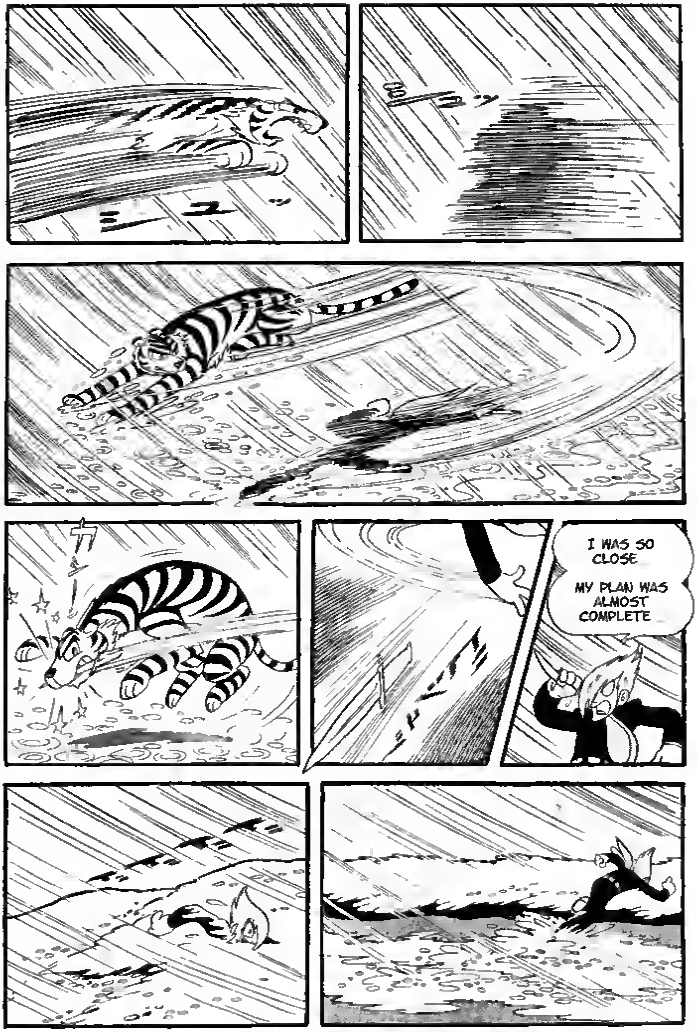
YEP, THAT'S RIGHT.
ARE YOU AN AINU?
EVEN NOW THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR AINU INDEPENDENCE.
AND HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING WITHOUT YOUR PARENTS?
THEY WERE CAUGHT
AFTER THAT, I DON'T KNOW.
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PARENTS? DID THEY DIE?
I SEE, THREE YEARS.
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS
KID! LOOK OUT! ABOVE YOU!
THAT I WAS LIKE YOU.
THERE WAS A TIME

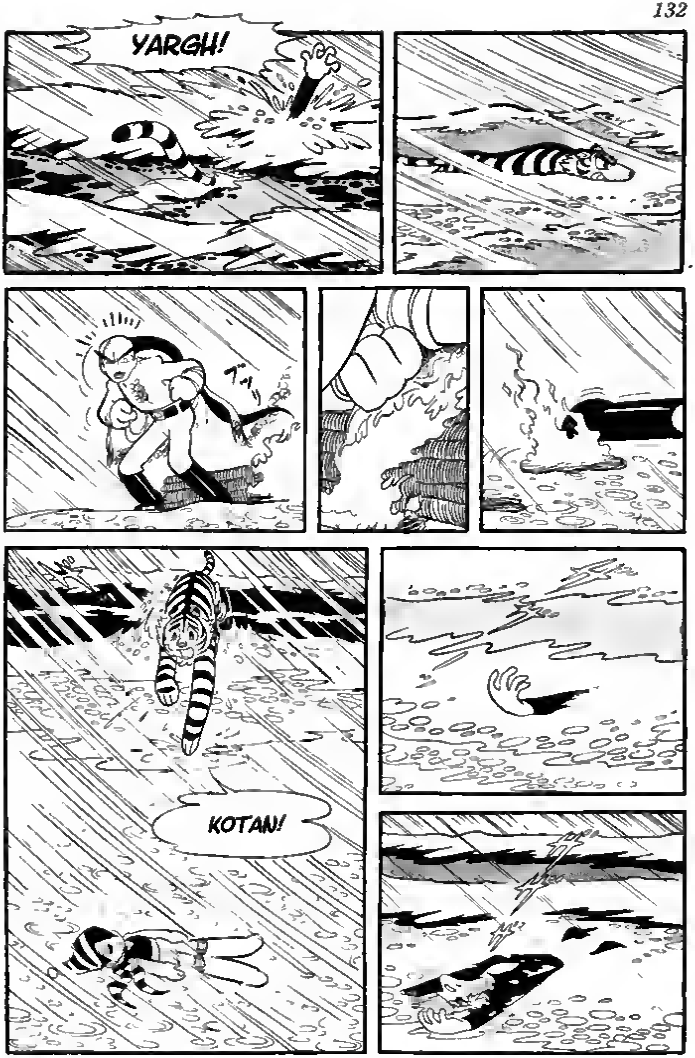

DAMMIT
!!

MR KOUSET-SUKOKU I'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU
NOW WATCH CLOSELY, SHORTY
I CAN MOVE FASTER THAN A DROP OF RAIN!
OVER HERE SHORTY
HEH, HEH, HEH!
PREPARE TO DIE!
AAARGH!
AH!

I FOUND BOTH KEYS
UNNG!
I'LL JUST REPORT THAT YOU WERE DEAD ALREADY
I'VE BEEN PROMISED A SHARE OF THE AINU'S TREASURE
MR. KOUSETSUKOKU, I'LL KILL YOU TOO WHILE I'M AT IT
HEH, HEH, HEH, HEH, HEH
KOTAN, JUST HANG ON... I'M COMING FOR YOU!
;GASP!; SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO KOTAN!
KOTAN'S IN DANGER! I HAVE TO HURRY BACK THERE!


OH, NO!
WHA--!?

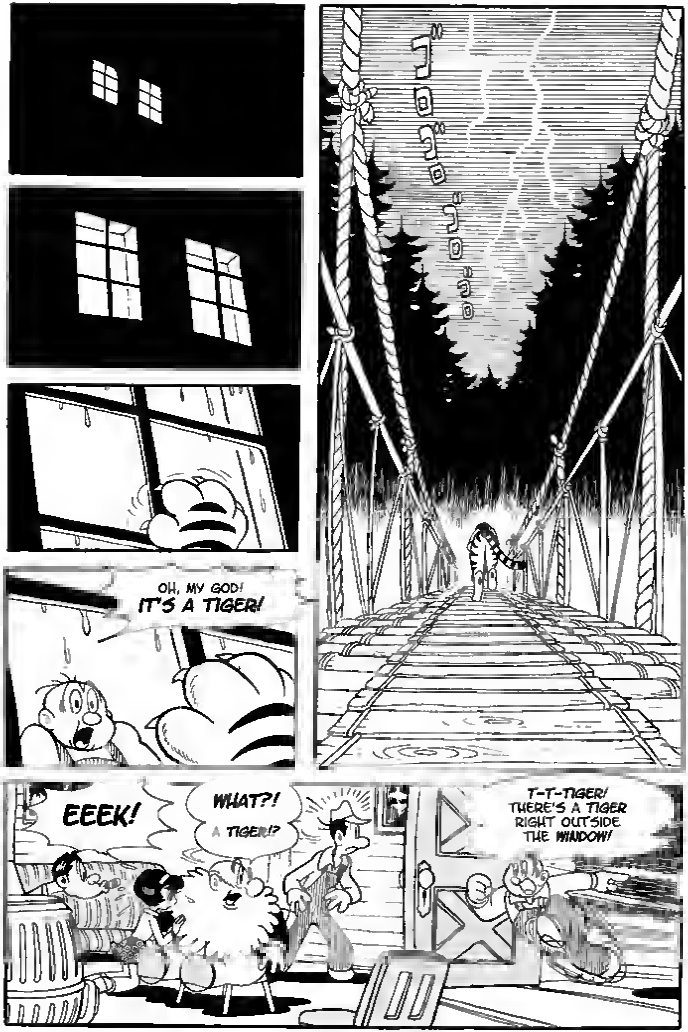

I WAS SO CLOSE
MY PLAN WAS ALMOST COMPLETE

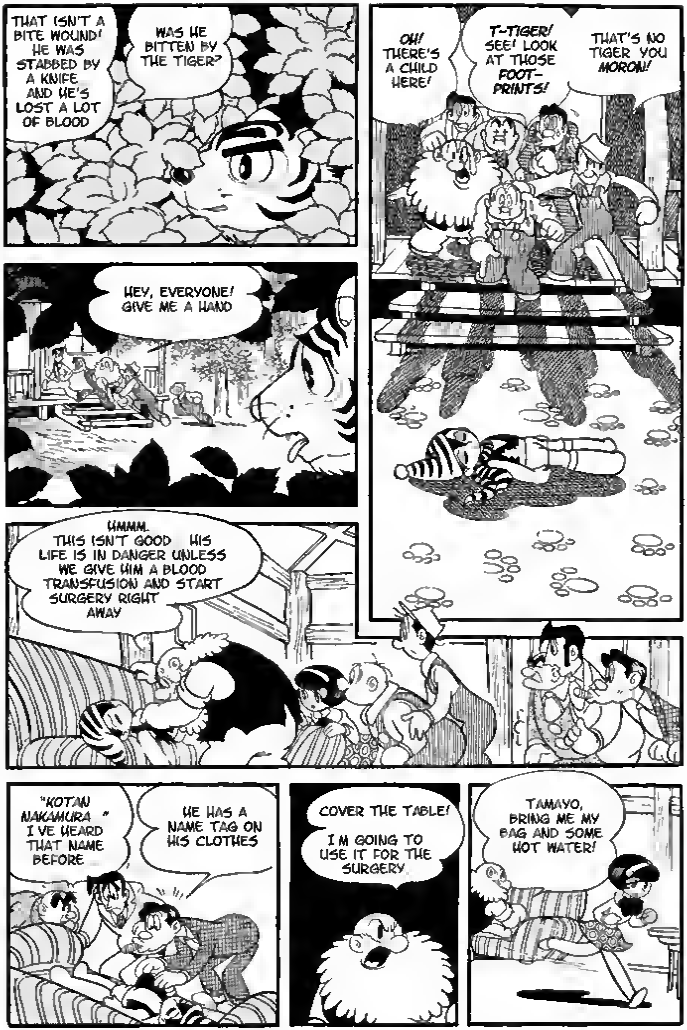

YARGH!
KOTAN!

DON'T DIE ALRIGHT? DON'T DIE!
OH.. WHAT SHOULD I DO? HE'S NOT MOVING!
KOTAN...
ANYWAY KID... I HOPE YOU RE ALRIGHT...
SHMPH!? SERVES YOU RIGHT...

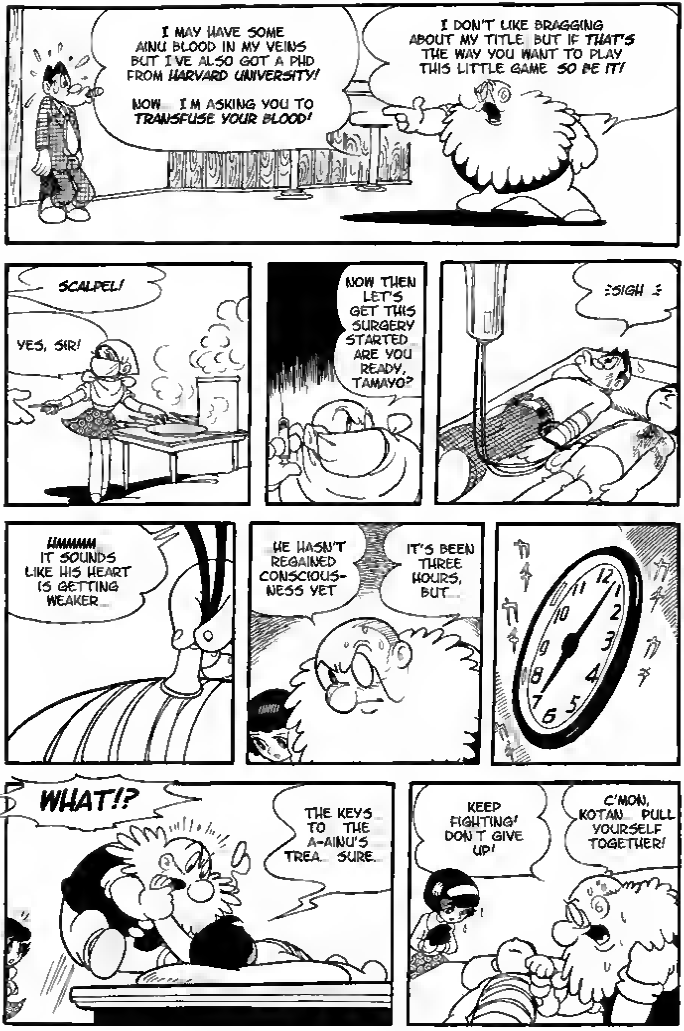
KOTAN, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE REALLY DEAD
I'VE BROUGHT HIM TO THE MEDICINAL HOT SPRING, BUT HIS EYES WON'T OPEN.
MUMMAHAHA! THAT WON'T WORK ON HIM!
YOU'RE BACK? MEDDLESOME BIRD!
IF YOU DON'T GET LOST, I'M GOING TO EAT YOU!
HEH, HEH, HEH ONLY HUMANS CAN CURE HUMAN CHILDREN NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LICK HIM...
THE ONLY WAY TO CURE HIM IS TO TAKE HIM TO A HUMAN VILLAGE.

SHUT UP!
MUHUHAHAHA!! I DOUBT IT
THE HUMANS WILL KILL YOU IF YOU TRY THAT!
BRING HIM TO A HUMAN VILLAGE?
DO YOU THINK I CAN JUST DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
YOU ARE AN IDIOT TRULY AN IDIOT!
HEH, HEH, HEH!
I'LL TAKE HIM TO A HUMAN VILLAGE, OR ANYWHERE ELSE HE NEEDS TO GO!
FINE THEN, IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY
I DON'T CARE IF HE CALLS ME AN IDIOT...
I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO CURE KOTAN I CAN ENDURE ANYTHING!

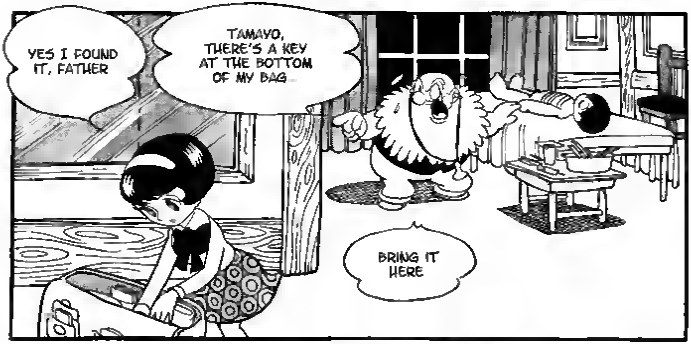

OH, MY GOD!
IT'S A TIGER!
EEEK!
WHAT?!
A TIGER!?
T-T-TIGER!
THERE'S A TIGER
RIGHT OUTSIDE
THE WINDOW!


THAT ISN'T A BITE WOUND! HE WAS STABBED BY A KNIFE AND HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD
WAS HE BITTEN BY THE TIGER?
OH! THERE'S A CHILD HERE!
T-TIGER! SEE! LOOK AT THOSE FOOT-PRINTS!
THAT'S NO TIGER YOU MORON!
HEY, EVERYONE! GIVE ME A HAND
UMMM. THIS ISN'T GOOD HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER UNLESS WE GIVE HIM A BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND START SURGERY RIGHT AWAY
"KOTARO NAKAMURA" I'VE HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE
HE HAS A NAME TAG ON HIS CLOTHES
COVER THE TABLE!
I'M GOING TO USE IT FOR THE SURGERY
TAMAYO, BRING ME MY BAG AND SOME HOT WATER!

OH, I'M TYPE "O"
DOES ANYONE HERE HAVE BLOOD TYPE "O"?
HIS BLOOD TYPE IS "O"
THIS CHILD IS THE SON OF A MURDERER! HE'S BEEN MISSING SINCE HE RAN AWAY WITH HIS FATHER!
I CAN ONLY TRANSFUSE TYPE "O" BLOOD INTO THIS CHILD!
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW! I NEED YOUR BLOOD!
OH! I REMEMBER NOW! NAKAMURA IS THAT GUY WHO KILLED A LOGGING COMPANY EMPLOYEE AND WAS ARRESTED IN KUSIRO CITY!
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, I'M A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INSPECTION PARTY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "DUBIOUS CHARACTER"!?
WELL, I'M JUST SAYING THAT I DON'T WANT TO GIVE MY OWN BLOOD TO SOME DUBIOUS CHARACTER!
SO WHAT? HIS LIFE HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!
WELL, I'M A PROFESSOR-EMERITUS AT A UNIVERSITY!


I MAY HAVE SOME AINU BLOOD IN MY VEINS BUT I'VE ALSO GOT A PHD FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY!
NOW... I'M ASKING YOU TO TRANSFUSE YOUR BLOOD!
I DON'T LIKE BRAGGING ABOUT MY TITLE, BUT IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT TO PLAY THIS LITTLE GAME SO BE IT!
SCALPEL!
YES, SIR!
NOW THEN LET'S GET THIS SURGERY STARTED ARE YOU READY, TAMAYO?
:SIGH :
HMMMMM IT SOUNDS LIKE HIS HEART IS GETTING WEAKER...
HE HASN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS YET
IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS, BUT...
WHAT!?
THE KEYS TO THE A-AINU'S TREA... SURE...
KEEP FIGHTING! DON'T GIVE UP!
C'MON, KOTAN PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

WHAT!? HE SAID THE KEYS TO THE AINU'S TREASURE!?
THE KEYS... KEYS TO THE AINU'S TREASURE...

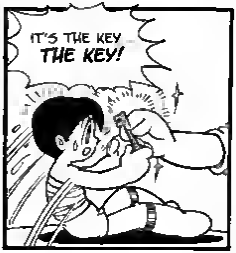

YES I FOUND IT, FATHER
TAMAYO, THERE'S A KEY AT THE BOTTOM OF MY BAG...
BRING IT HERE

THIS IS MY KEY HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE IT?

THIS IS A KEY TO THE AINU'S TREASURE

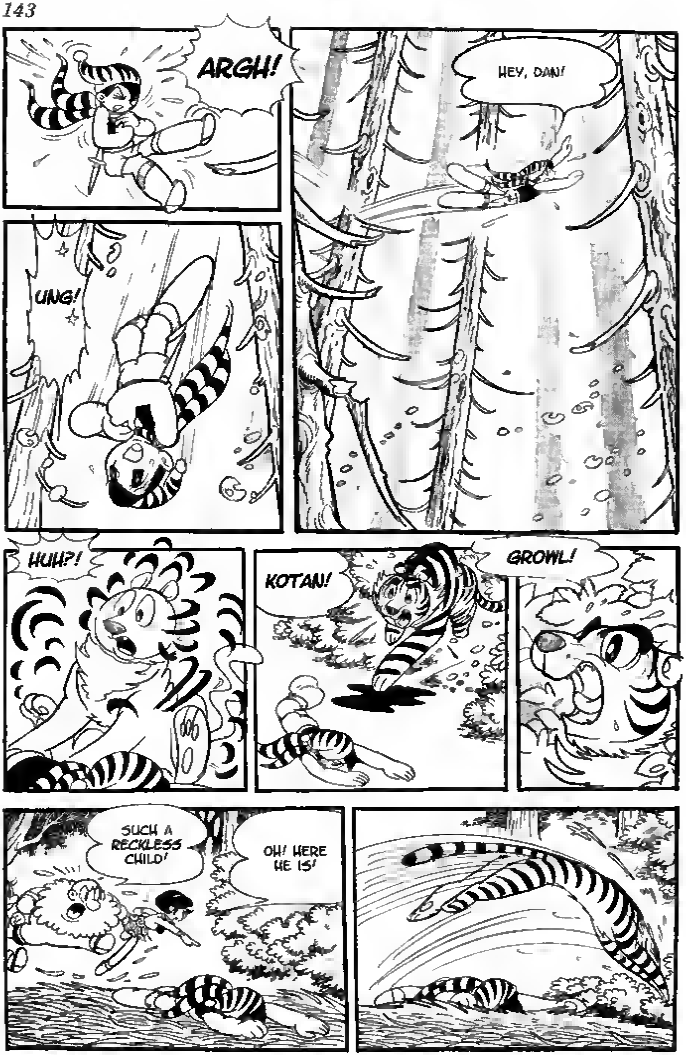
CHILD, OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THIS

OH MY! HE OPENED HIS EYES AND SAT UP!


IT'S THE KEY... THE KEY!

BUT THIS TIME HE SEEMS BETTER HE'S RECOVERING THE RELIEF AT SEEING THE KEY MADE HIM LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS!
OH HE FAINTED!
WOW HE CAME BACK TO LIFE!
YAY !!
HE ALWAYS WAKES UP WHEN I SHOW HIM A WALLET
I DON'T CARE ABOUT HIM!
THIS GUY FAINTED TOO
CAN YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN DAN!
WE'RE NOT SURE BUT THERE WERE A LOT OF TIGER TRACKS AROUND WHERE WE FOUND YOU
I. HOW DID I GET HERE?
I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER
DAAAAN!
DAN!

DAD, COME HERE AND STOP HIM!
I CAN'T, KOTAN YOU'RE NOT FULLY RECOVERED YET!
LET GO OF ME.
LET ME GO!
OH!
DAN! DAN! IT HAS TO BE YOU WHO BROUGHT ME HERE FROM THE BEACH...
I BET YOU'RE STILL CLOSE BY, AREN'T YOU?
QUIT HIDING!
COME OUT ALREADY!
HEY DAN!
UNGG!


ARGH!
HEY, DAN!
UNG!
HUH?!
KOTAN!
GROWL!
SUCH A RECKLESS CHILD!
OH! HERE HE IS!

I HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO THAT TIGER AGAIN!
LET'S BRING HIM BACK QUICKLY
THERE'S MORE TIGER TRACKS!
EEEK!
IT'S NOTHING DR ZOGER
KOUTALDIN WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN BROODING OVER FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS?
ヴァ!!
HEH HEH HEH THAT KID NAMED KOTAN I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM I WONDER IF HE'S ALRIGHT BECAUSE HE WAS BADLY INJURED
THAT KID?
I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT KID
HEY, KOUTALDIN YOU'D BETTER NOT BETRAY ME
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT HE'S A GOOD KID
IDIOT! HE IS THE ENEMY! HE TOOK YOU HOSTAGE!

WHAT A STUPID THING TO SAY!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SENT SOMEONE TO KILL ME, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
I WOULDN'T DO THAT...
IF I WAS YOU
IT SEEMS LIKE THE EDGE OF A LAKE SOMEWHERE
THERE'S AN ENTRANCE TO THE ELDER'S GRAVE WHICH LEADS INTO THE BASEMENT THROUGH HERE...
SIMPH!: ANYWAY I'VE MADE AN EDUCATED GUESS AS TO THE TREASURE'S LOCATION USING THOSE TWO KEYS
BUT BEFORE THAT...
OH, THE TREASURE! I'M SO CLOSE TO GETTING MY HANDS ON THE TREASURE!
WE'LL FIND OUT THE LOCATION OF THE LAKE WHEN WE GET THE THIRD KEY
YOU MUST GET THE THIRD KEY! YOU CANNOT FAIL!
IF YOU BETRAY ME... YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN, RIGHT, KOUTAISIN?

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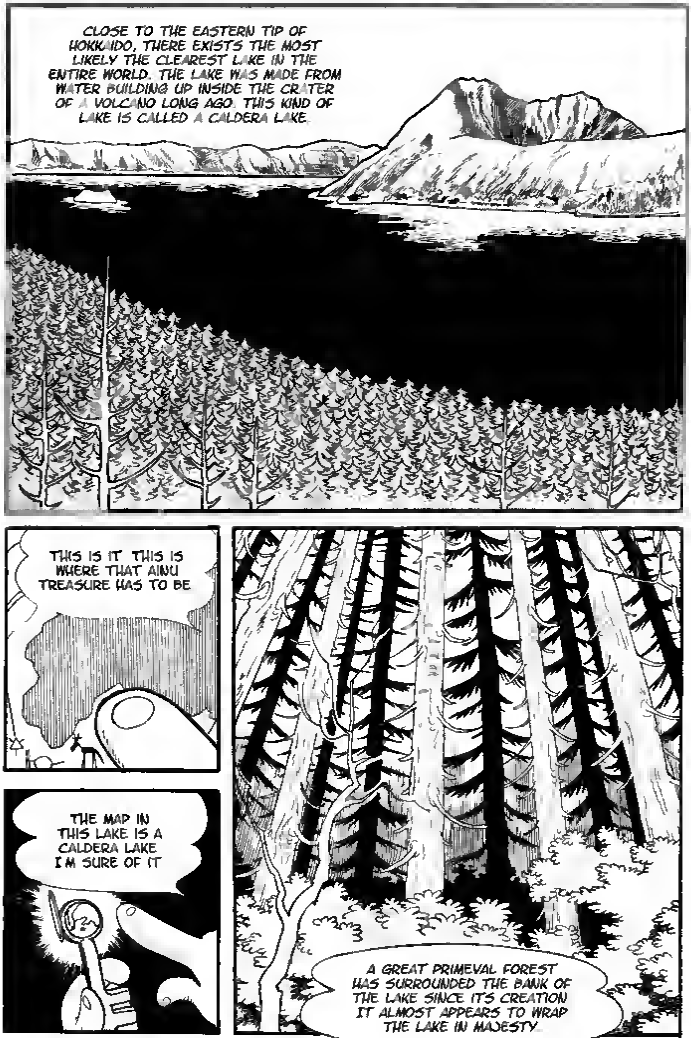
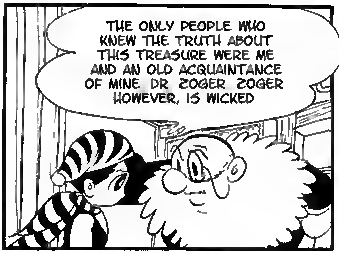

CLOSE TO THE EASTERN TIP OF HOKKAIDO, THERE EXISTS THE MOST LIKELY THE CLEAREST LAKE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE LAKE WAS MADE FROM WATER BUILDING UP INSIDE THE CRATER OF A VOLCANO LONG AGO. THIS KIND OF LAKE IS CALLED A CALDERA LAKE.
THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHERE THAT AINU TREASURE HAS TO BE.
THE MAP IN THIS LAKE IS A CALDERA LAKE I'M SURE OF IT.
A GREAT PRIMEVAL FOREST HAS SURROUNDED THE BANK OF THE LAKE SINCE IT'S CREATION IT ALMOST APPEARS TO WRAP THE LAKE IN MAJESTY.

BUT SOMETHING DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. SOMEONE TOLD ME THE LAST KEY WOULD BE IN TOKYO
KOTAN, YOU SAID YOU HAD THE OTHER KEYS IN YOUR POSSESSION BEFORE, CORRECT? SO THIS MUST BE THE LAST KEY
SO... YOU MUST WANT THE AINU TREASURE AS WELL.
WELL THAT DOES MAKE SENSE. I USED TO LIVE IN TOKYO BEFORE COMING HERE TO HOKKAIDO
IF IT WERE TO FALL IN THE WRONG HANDS, IT COULD MEAN THE END OF THE WORLD!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT TREASURE IS
TREASURE? DON'T BE STUPID
ME?
HOW DO YOU HAVE PROOF? SOMETHING WRITTEN IN SOME BOOK?
BUT I AM. IF YOU WANT PROOF, I'VE GOT IT!
YOU CAN'T BE...

MY MOTHER CAME FROM AN AINU VILLAGE THEY WOULD SING A YUKIKARA THERE THAT TELLS DISTINCTLY THE POWER THIS TREASURE HAS
YUKIKARA IS LIKE A SONG PASSED ALONG FROM PERSON TO PERSON AMONG THE AINU

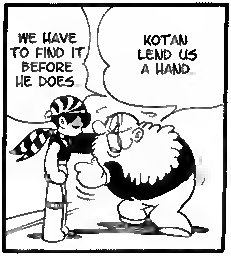
AINU DIDN'T HAVE A WRITTEN LANGUAGE
NO

BUT THEY DID HAVE YUKIKARA


THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS TREASURE WERE ME AND AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE. DR ZOGER ZOGER HOWEVER, IS WICKED

THE TREASURE IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NEVER BE TRUSTED TO HUMANS

IT'S JUST DAN HE HATES HUMANS

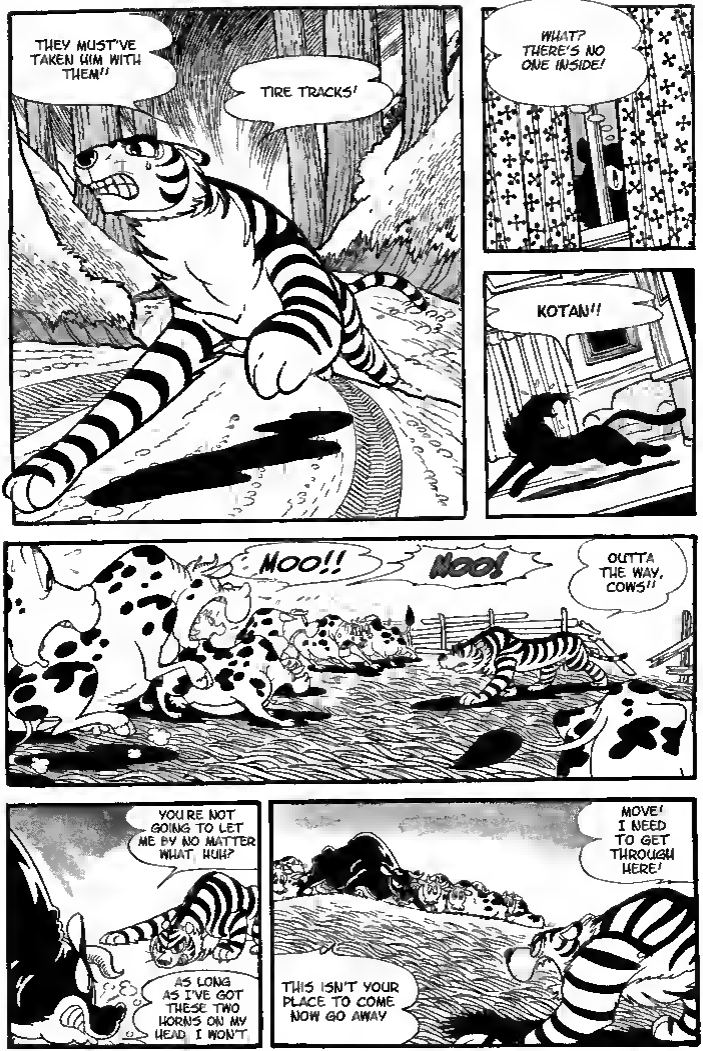

WE HAVE TO FIND IT BEFORE HE DOES
KOTAN LEND US A HAND

HE TRIED TO TRICK ME AND WENT OFF BY HIMSELF TO FIND THE TREASURE

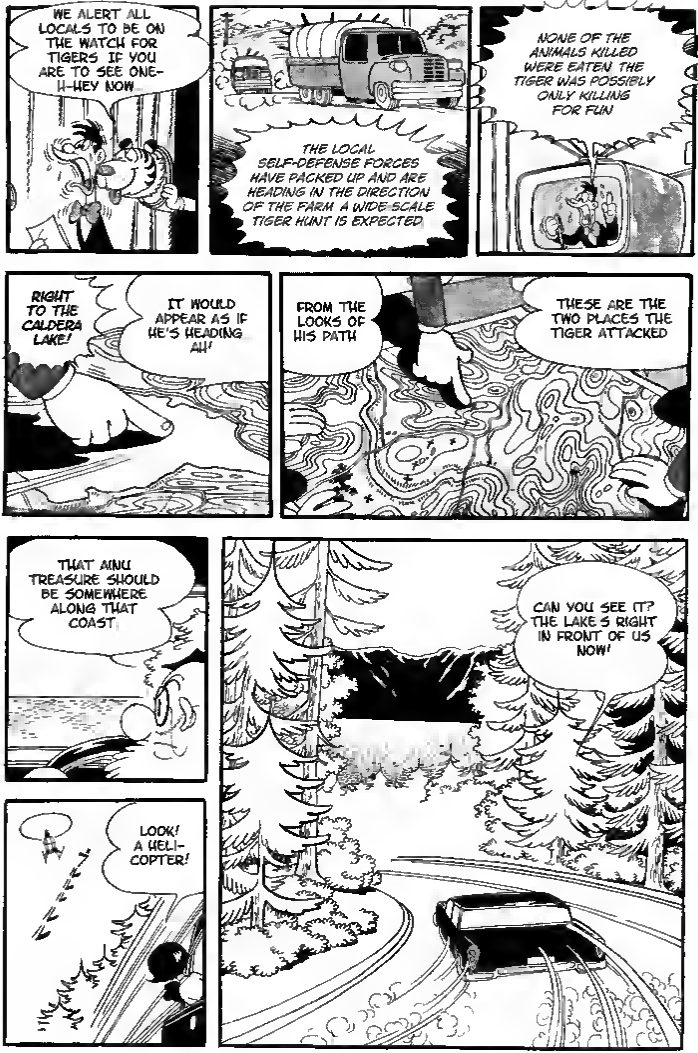
HE'S RIGHT, KOTAN. IT'S BEST FOR YOU TWO TO BE APART.
YOU NEED TO CUT TIES WITH THAT THING.
YOU MEAN THAT TIGER? YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT HIM!?
DAN!?
THAT'S DAN! I HEAR HIM HOWLING!
KOTAN! WHERE ARE YOU? I WANT TO SEE YOU!
DAN!!
DAN'S CALLING ME!
LET ME GO!!
KOTAN! DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE! I NEED YOU!!

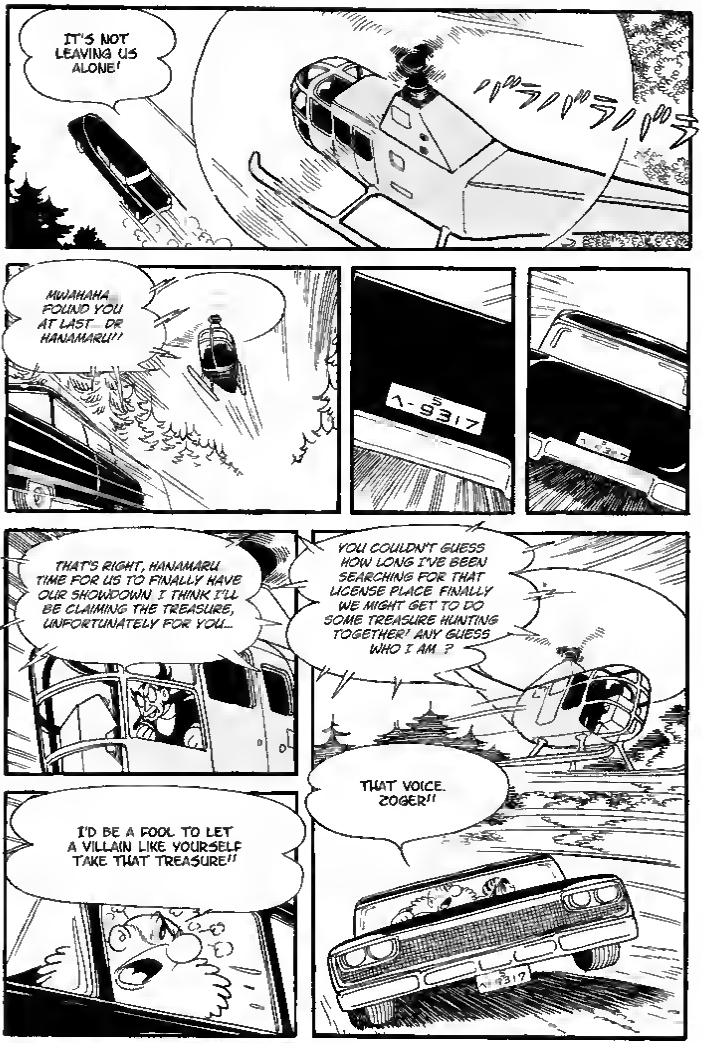
COME BACK I NEED YOU
KOTAN
KOTAN YOU STAY RIGHT HERE! THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH!

I'M GETTING IN AND TAKING KOTAN OUT WITH ME
I CAN'T STAND JUST SITTING AROUND HERE I'M SNEAKING IN THAT HOUSE TONIGHT


THEY MUST'VE TAKEN HIM WITH THEM!!
TIRE TRACKS!
WHAT? THERE'S NO ONE INSIDE!
KOTAN!!
MOO!!
MOO!
OUTTA THE WAY, COWS!!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET ME BY NO MATTER WHAT, HUH?
AS LONG AS I'VE GOT THESE TWO HORNS ON MY HEAD, I WON'T
MOVE! I NEED TO GET THROUGH HERE!
THIS ISN'T YOUR PLACE TO COME NOW GO AWAY

GUWAHHH!!!
MOOO!!!
OK... OK... YOU WIN
AND NOW FOR TODAY'S NEWS A TIGER APPEARED AT THE FARM AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND KILLED ONE BULL AND 15 COWS.
PIGCOW
DUBU


WE ALERT ALL LOCALS TO BE ON THE WATCH FOR TIGERS IF YOU ARE TO SEE ONE- H-HEY NOW
THE LOCAL SELF-DEFENSE FORCES HAVE PACKED UP AND ARE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FARM A WIDE-SCALE TIGER HUNT IS EXPECTED
NONE OF THE ANIMALS KILLED WERE EATEN THE TIGER WAS POSSIBLY ONLY KILLING FOR FUN
RIGHT TO THE CALDERA LAKE!
IT WOULD APPEAR AS IF HE'S HEADING ALL
FROM THE LOOKS OF HIS PATH
THESE ARE THE TWO PLACES THE TIGER ATTACKED
THAT AINU TREASURE SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE ALONG THAT COAST
LOOK! A HELI-COPTER!
CAN YOU SEE IT? THE LAKE S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US NOW!


IT'S NOT LEAVING US ALONE!
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MUAHAHA FOUND YOU AT LAST DR HANAMARU!!
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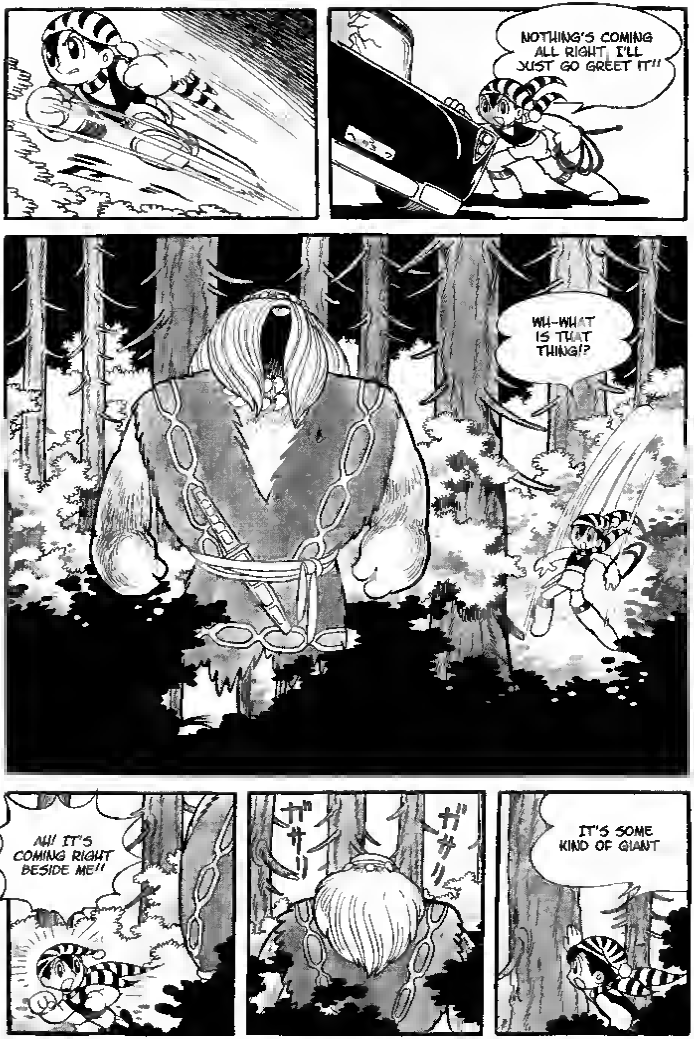
THAT'S RIGHT, HANAMARU TIME FOR US TO FINALLY HAVE OUR SHOWDOWN. I THINK I'LL BE CLAIMING THE TREASURE, UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU...
YOU COULDN'T GUESS HOW LONG I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THAT LICENSE PLACE. FINALLY WE MIGHT GET TO DO SOME TREASURE HUNTING TOGETHER! ANY GUESS WHO I AM ?
THAT VOICE. ZOGER!!
I'D BE A FOOL TO LET A VILLAIN LIKE YOURSELF TAKE THAT TREASURE!!

LIKE I'D JUST PASS IT OVER TO YOU LIKE THAT!
IF YOU WANT IT YOU'LL HAVE TO COME TAKE IT!!
YOU'VE GOT THE LAST KEY, HAVEN'T YOU? I THINK YOU'D BETTER PASS IT ON OVER
DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE GOING ANY FURTHER IN THAT CAR. BETTER COME OUT IF YOU WANT ME TO SPARE YOU
HERE, LET ME TOP IT OFF WITH A MATCH!
UWAHHH!!! WE'RE ON FIRE!!
ALL RIGHT, JUST WATCH
DOCTOR! DO YOU HAVE ANY GASOLINE?
THERE SHOULD BE SOME IN THE TRUNK!
HOW ABOUT THIS!!?

KID! DON'T THINK WE'LL FORGET THIS!!
IT'S HOT!! H-H-H-HOT!!!
I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIX THE CAR AND IT'S A LONG WAY TO TOWN
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THAT HELICOPTER SOMEWHERE BEFORE
YOU HELPED US OUT OF THAT PICKLE IF WE LET HIM GET THE KEY EVERY-THING WOULD BE LOST!!
KOTAN! THANK YOU
LEAVE IT TO ME. I'LL HANDLE WHATEVER IT IS.
BUT IT'S SO QUIET, PAPA
GUESS WE'LL SPEND THE NIGHT HERE
SCARY I THINK IT CAME FROM THE FOREST
HUH? I JUST HEARD SOMETHING


NOTHING'S COMING
ALL RIGHT. I'LL
JUST GO GREET IT!!
WH-WHAT
IS THAT
THING!?
AH! IT'S
COMING RIGHT
BESIDE ME!!
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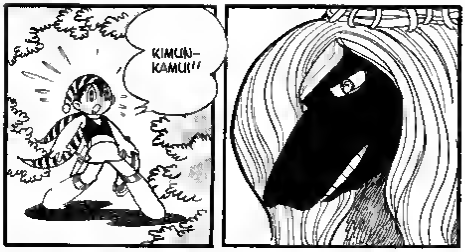
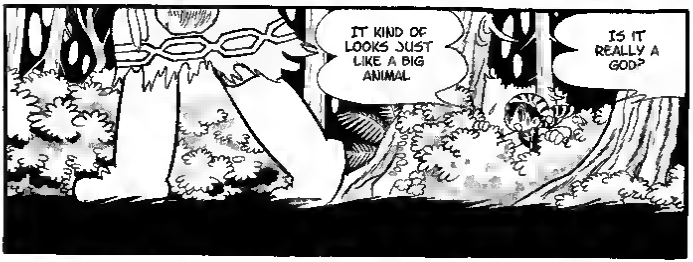
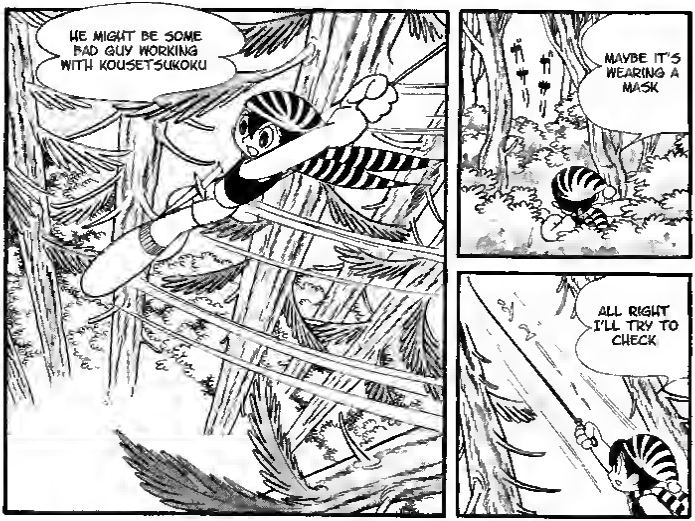
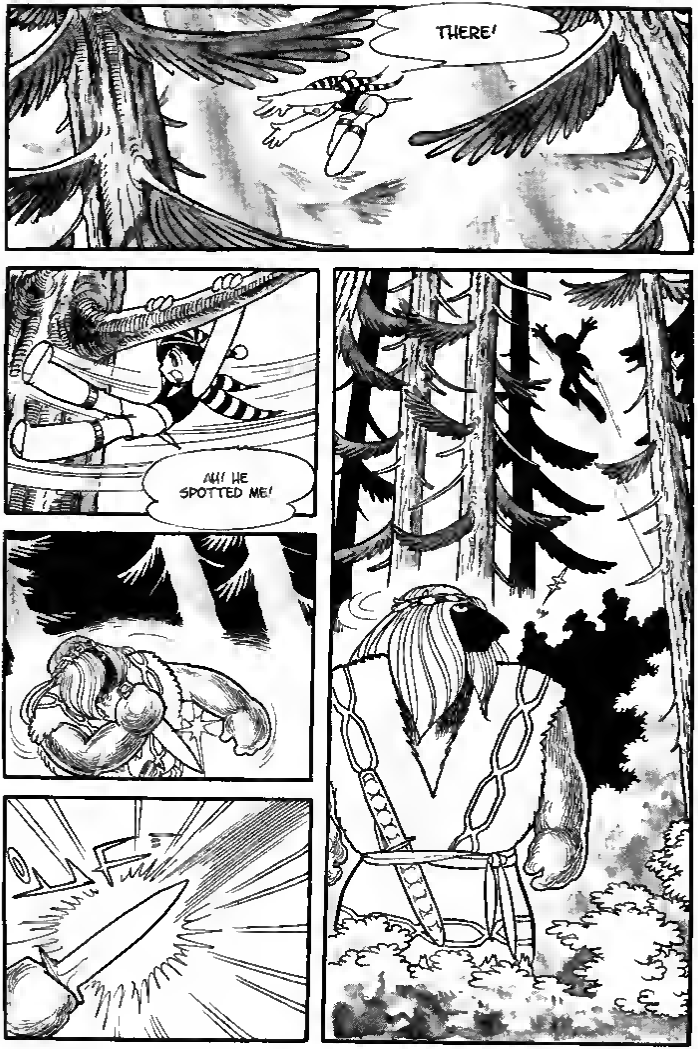
IT'S SOME
KIND OF GIANT

KIMUNKAMUI. THE AINU WORD FOR BEAR. THE AINU THOUGHT OF THE BEAR AS A DIVINE PROTECTOR OF THE FOREST. THUS GIVING IT THE NAME "KAMUI" (LIKE KAMI, JAPANESE FOR 'GOD') KOTAN LEARNED ABOUT KIMUNKAMUI FROM UPOPO

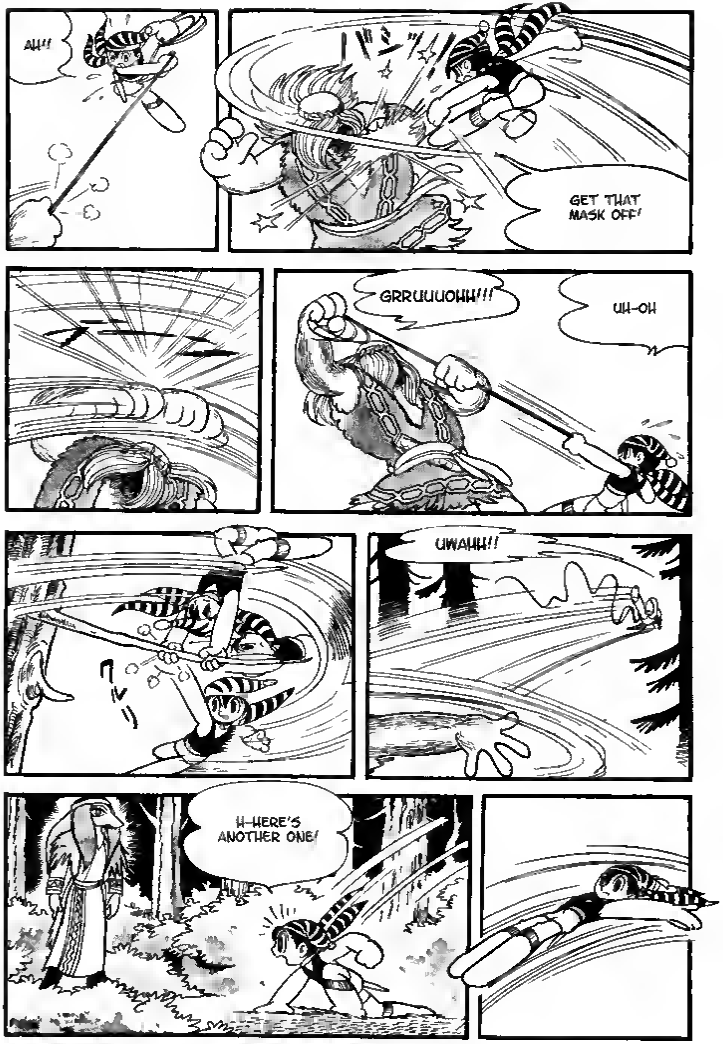


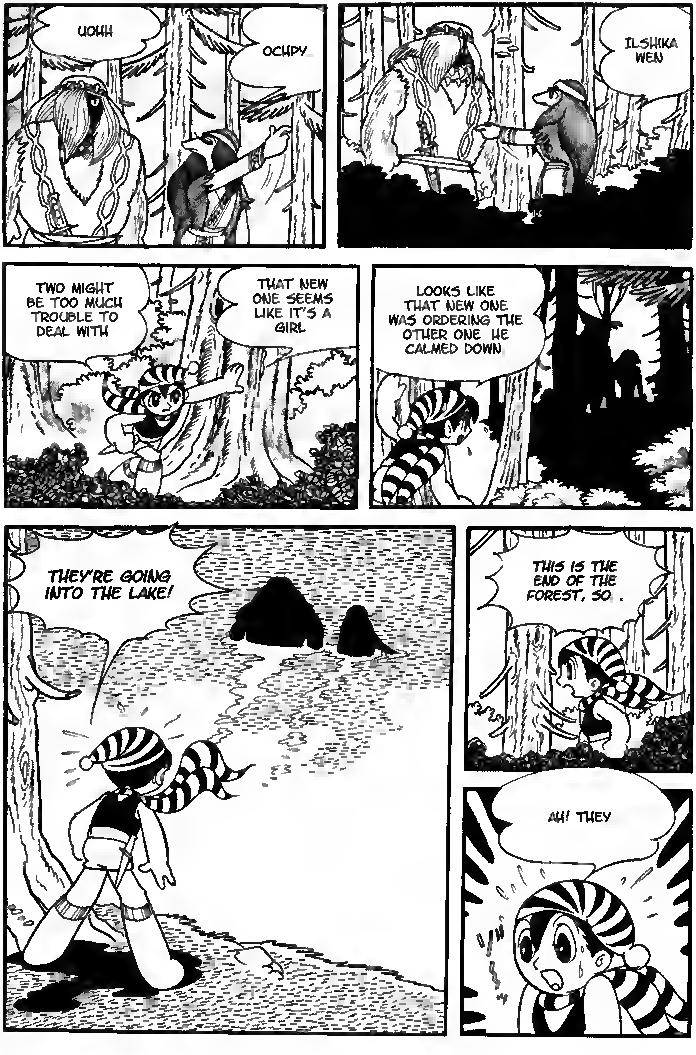


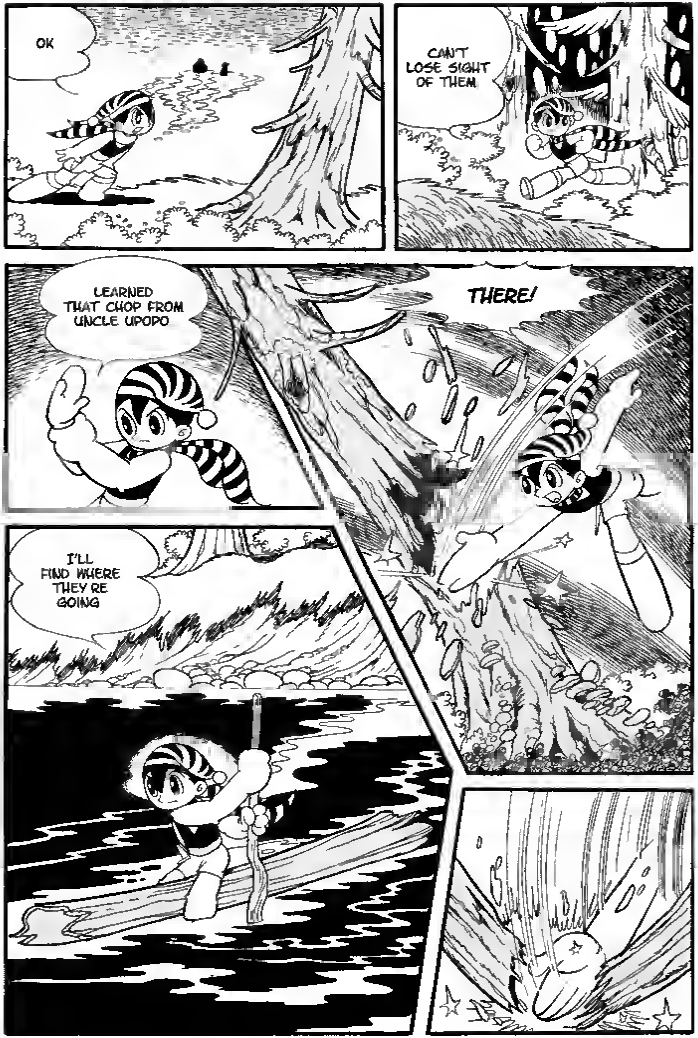



THERE!
AH! HE SPOTTED ME!
OUF

MIGHT'VE MADE HIM ANGRY
I DON'T THINK THAT WEAPON OF HIS IS A SWORD. IT'S JUST SHAPED LIKE ONE.
HE'S PROBABLY ALL FAKE!!


AH!!!
GET THAT MASK OFF!
GRRUUUOWH!!!
UH-OH
UWAHH!!
U-HERE'S ANOTHER ONE!


UOHH
OCHPY
ILSHIKA WEN
TWO MIGHT BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO DEAL WITH
THAT NEW ONE SEEMS LIKE IT'S A GIRL
LOOKS LIKE THAT NEW ONE WAS ORDERING THE OTHER ONE HE CALMED DOWN
THEY'RE GOING INTO THE LAKE!
THIS IS THE END OF THE FOREST, SO .
AH! THEY


OK
CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THEM
LEARNED THAT CHOP FROM UNCLE UPOPO
THERE!
I'LL FIND WHERE THEY RE GOING

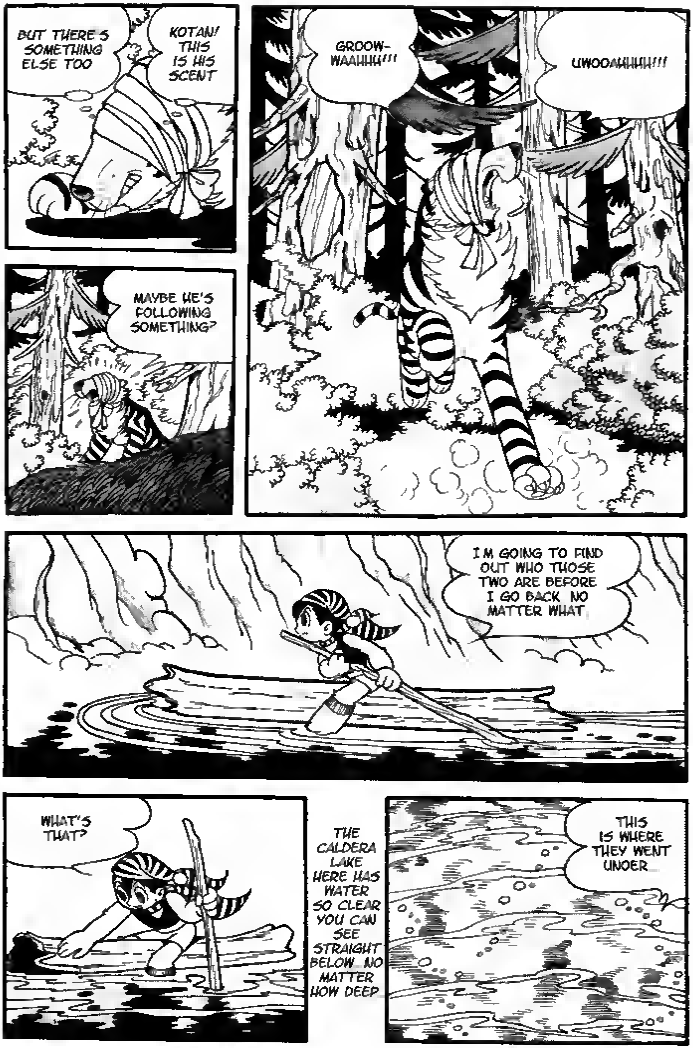
BUT IT'S SOMEWHERE HUMANS MUST NOT APPROACH
OF COURSE
PAPA. DO YOU REALLY THINK THERE'S A TREASURE HERE IN THIS LAKE?
KOTAN'S BEEN GONE TOO LONG
ACCORDING TO THE YUUKARA FROM MY MOTHER'S VILLAGE THE TREASURE IS PROTECTED BY TWO GODS KIMUNKAMUI AND SHUMARIKAMUI EVERY TEN YEARS THE TWO GODS CIRCLE THE FOREST
BUT MAYBE IT ISN'T
MAYBE IT IS
THAT'S JUST A FAIRY-TALE
A BEAR AND A FOX PROTECT IT?
KIMUN MEANS BEAR SHUMARI MEANS FOX
I HEAR SOMETHING IS KOTAN BACK?
MAYBE THEY WERE CALLED A BEAR AND A FOX BECAUSE THOSE WERE THE ONLY WAYS THE AINU COULD THINK TO DESCRIBE THEM
REALLY ?

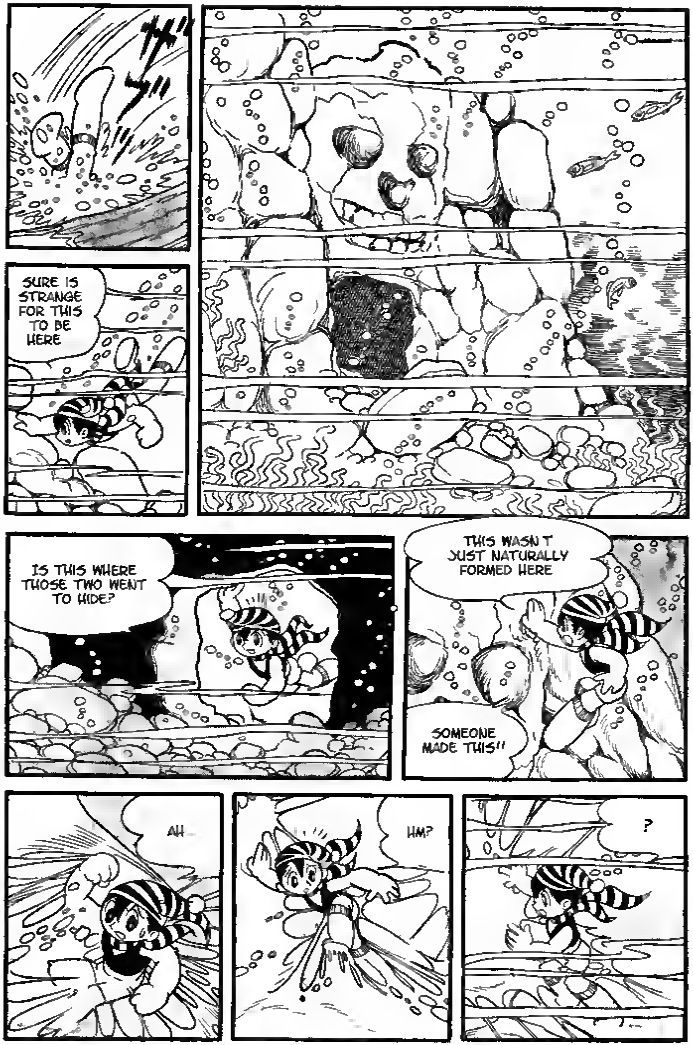
EEK!!
KOTAN! DO YOU WANT SOME TEA? I'LL MAKE SOME FOR YOU
T TIGER!!
THEY'VE GOT KOTAN'S SCENT I KNOW THEY BROUGHT HIM HERE!!
GRUOWAH!!!
HURRY! IN THE CAR!!

OH... AND MY GLASSES!
OH MY... I DROPPED MY DENTURES
PAPA
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HIM!?
WHERE IS HE?
HONK THE HORN TRY TO SCARE HIM!
HE'S GOING TO BREAK THE WINDOW!!
GURAHHH!!!
UWAH!! HE'S RUSHING TOWARDS US!

GUWOH
GGRRRR RR
CALM DOWN THIS IS OUR CHANCE!
PAPA! DON'T!
THAT TIGER WENT AND GAVE HIMSELF A CONCUSSION
GRUUWWWOOHH
JUST ONE SHOT OF THIS AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET THIS TIGER OUT OF OUR LIVES FOREVER
YOU CAN'T JUST KILL HIM LIKE THAT IT'S TOO CRUEL!
DON'T KILL HIM!
STOP!!

IF YOU HAVE TO KILL HIM AT LEAST LET KOTAN SAY GOODBYE FIRST...
KOTAN KEPT SAYING HE WANTED TO SEE THIS TIGER...
TOO CRUEL!? AFTER ALL THIS YOU THINK I'M THE ONE THAT'S CRUEL!?
WRAPPING A TIGER'S FACE LIKE THIS ISN'T EASY
I DON'T KNOW HOW I RAISED YOU TO BE THIS STRANGE NOW YOU'VE EVEN GOT ME BANDAGING HIM UP...!
HE'LL BE BACK LET'S US REST FOR THE TIME BEING
WHERE COULD KOTAN HAVE GONE OFF TO?
HE'LL HOLD FOR THE NIGHT AT LEAST
I KNEW THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
AH! THE TIGER! IT'S GONE!!
WHEW! THAT WAS A GOOD SLEEP


BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE TOO
KOTAN! THIS IS HIS SCENT
GROOW-WAAHHH!!!
UWOOAHHHH!!!
MAYBE HE'S FOLLOWING SOMETHING?
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO THOSE TWO ARE BEFORE I GO BACK NO MATTER WHAT
WHAT'S THAT?
THE CALDERA LAKE HERE HAS WATER SO CLEAR YOU CAN SEE STRAIGHT BELOW NO MATTER HOW DEEP
THIS IS WHERE THEY WENT UNDER


SURE IS STRANGE FOR THIS TO BE HERE
IS THIS WHERE THOSE TWO WENT TO HIDE?
THIS WASN'T JUST NATURALLY FORMED HERE
SOMEONE MADE THIS!!
AH...
HM?
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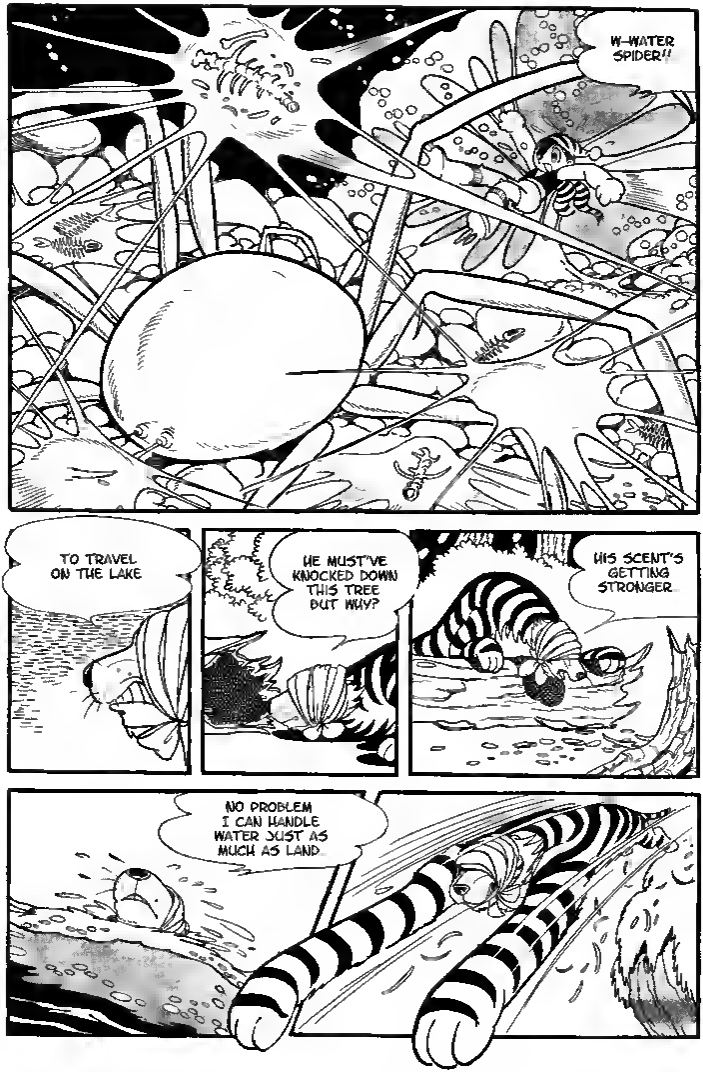

W-WATER SPIDER!!
TO TRAVEL ON THE LAKE
HE MUST'VE KNOCKED DOWN THIS TREE BUT WHY?
HIS SCENT'S GETTING STRONGER
NO PROBLEM I CAN HANDLE WATER JUST AS MUCH AS LAND.

KOTAN!!
HEY, BIRDS DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A HUMAN BOY AROUND?
KWOOO KWWO KWWWOOOO
ALL RIGHT COME AT ME WITH ALL YOU VE GOT I WON'T LOSE THAT EASILY!
I SAW A HUMAN NEAR THE CAPE OVER THERE
REALLY? THANKS
I CAN'T BREATHE ALL OF A
HUH?
YOU
HEY! KOTAN!
KOTAN!

NO HE'S CAUGHT ME!
DAN!!
:SNAP!:
:CHOMP!:
:SCRATCH!!:
GROWWWWWWWWW!!!

DAN! YOU CAME!!
ACHOO!!
GRRAARROOORR!!
DAN! I MISSED YOU!
WAIT!
GRAARRR... FOLLOWED YOU LONG... GRRRAA...
DAN! DID YOU GET AN EEL STUCK IN YOUR NOSE? HAHA!!

IT MUST BE BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN WITH THOSE HUMANS FOR SO LONG
BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T MET IN A WHILE?
HOLD ON WHY CAN'T I UNDERSTAND HALF OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
LET'S YOU AND ME LIVE THERE WITHOUT BEING BOTHERED BY ANYBODY ELSE
LET'S GO BACK TO THE MOUN-TAIN
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
GRARORRRR LET'S GO.
KOTAN I CAN'T BE APART FROM YOU DON'T GO BACK TO THE HUMANS I'LL HAVE TO KILL US BOTH IF YOU DO
I CAN'T NOW DAN I HAVE TO MAKE SURE BAD PEOPLE DON'T GET THIS AINU TREASURE
I'M SORRY! I CAN'T!

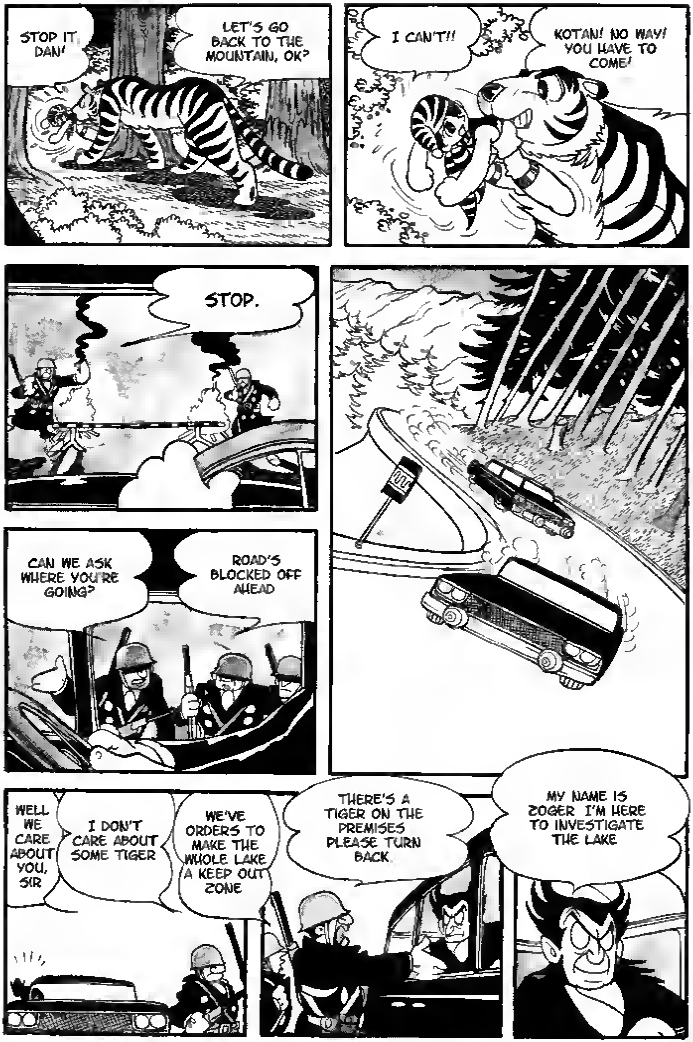
I SMELL METAL KOTAN! GET DOWN!
URAWOH?
WHO FIRED THAT!? DAN! ARE YOU OK?
DAN! THEY'RE HERE TO KILL YOU! THEY'VE SURROUNDED US!

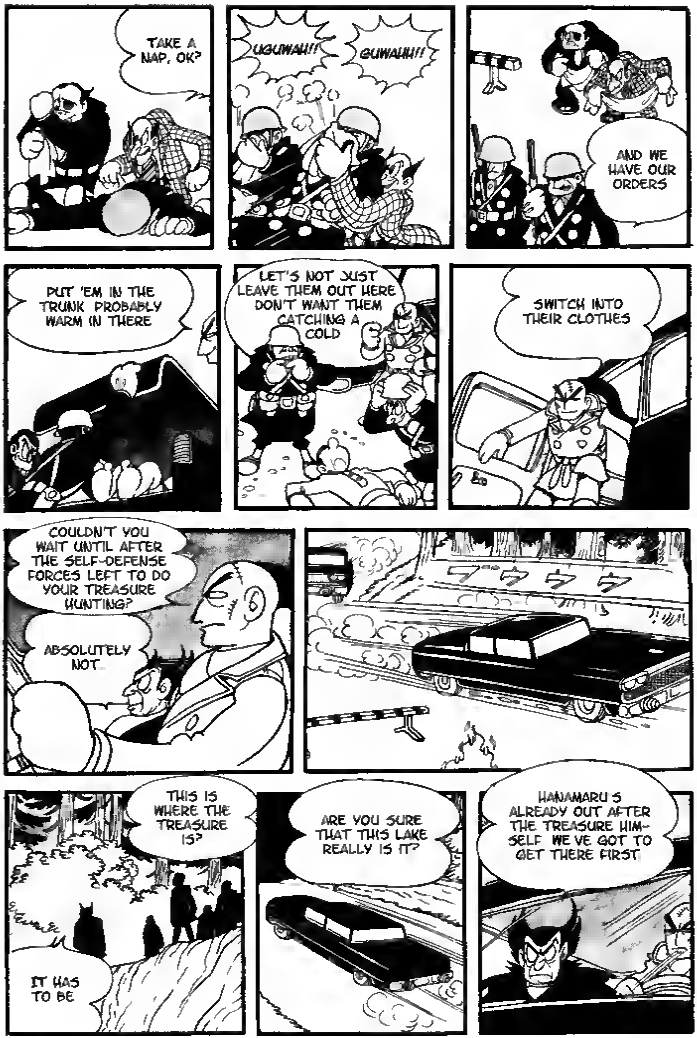
WAIT!
I AM DAN AND ME HAVE BEEN BEST FRIENDS SINCE I WAS YOUNG!
YOU'RE THE BOY THAT WAS WITH THAT TIGER?
DON'T KILL DAN SIR PLEASE DON T!!
DON'T BOSS US AROUND
OUTTA THE WAY KID
THAT'S A VERY HONORABLE THING TO SAY BUT WE'VE BEEN SENT OUT WITH A DUTY TO TAKE CARE OF
PLEASE LET HIM GO I'LL MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE WRONG

I COULD BUY MYSELF A NEW SUIT WITH ALL THAT MONEY!
THINK ABOUT THE REWARD HANGING FROM THAT TIGER'S NECK, CAPTAIN
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE GONNA LISTEN TO THIS KID
DAN'S A GOOD TIGER HE LISTENS REALLY WELL, SEE. SIT DAN!
YOU CAN'T PROVE THAT WAS DAN!
YOU KNOW THAT TIGER KILLED A WHOLE HERD OF COWS FOR FUN, DON'T YOU KID?
DAN! WHY WON'T YOU ROLL OVER!?
NO WAY I'M NOT GOING TO ACT LIKE I'M SOME DOG!
NOW ROLL OVER DAN AND SHAKE TOO
LOOK, HE SAT JUST LIKE I TOLD HIM.
NOW GO!
I TELL YOU WHAT I'LL LET YOU KILL IT THAT SHOULD MAKE THINGS EASIER
BOY, I'M SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T LET THAT TIGER LIVE.

AH... I CAN'T! I CAN'T!
KOTAN... WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT THING?
DUMB KID LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO SHOOT!

WE'LL GIVE YOU THREE DAYS TO KILL HIM. AFTER THREE DAYS WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM OURSELVES
IF YOU SAY SO VERY WELL THEN
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD KILL HIM JUST LET ME THINK FOR A SECOND
WE'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU
DON'T THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY
THIS IS STUPID!!
WE HAVE TO WAIT?
...DAN
MEN! FALL BACK! RIGHT!
I'LL GO APOLOGIZE TO THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES AFTER YOU ESCAPE
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
DAN, WE SHOULDN'T BE TOGETHER. YOU SHOULD RUN AWAY QUICKLY NOW


STOP IT, DAN!
LET'S GO BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN, OK?
I CAN'T!!
KOTAN! NO WAY! YOU HAVE TO COME!
STOP.
CAN WE ASK WHERE YOU'RE GOING?
ROAD'S BLOCKED OFF AHEAD
WELL WE CARE ABOUT YOU, SIR
I DON'T CARE ABOUT SOME TIGER
WE'VE ORDERS TO MAKE THE WHOLE LAKE A KEEP OUT ZONE
THERE'S A TIGER ON THE PREMISES PLEASE TURN BACK
MY NAME IS ZOGER I'M HERE TO INVESTIGATE THE LAKE


TAKE A NAP, OK?
UGUWAH!!!
GUWAH!!!
AND WE HAVE OUR ORDERS
PUT 'EM IN THE TRUNK PROBABLY WARM IN THERE
LET'S NOT JUST LEAVE THEM OUT HERE DON'T WANT THEM CATCHING A COLD
SWITCH INTO THEIR CLOTHES
COULDN'T YOU WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES LEFT TO DO YOUR TREASURE HUNTING?
ABSOLUTELY NOT
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THIS IS WHERE THE TREASURE IS?
IT HAS TO BE
ARE YOU SURE THAT THIS LAKE REALLY IS IT?
HANAMARU'S ALREADY OUT AFTER THE TREASURE HIMSELF WE'VE GOT TO GET THERE FIRST

BUT THIS PLACE IS HUGE. IT'LL TAKE FOREVER TO SEARCH
THERE'S A REASON HANAMARU CAME OUT HERE. SOMETHING'S IN THIS LAKE
50 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT SHOULD BE THE ENTRANCE.
LOOKING AT THE MAPS FROM THESE KEYS, FROM THAT CAPE
GIVE ME A LIGHT. LET'S LOOK AT THE MAP
GOOD GRIEF
WE'RE GOING THIS WAY TO SAVE TIME. NO MORE COMPLAINING
IS THERE NO OTHER WAY BUT THROUGH THIS THICK FOREST?
LET'S GO EXAMINE IT. HURRY! DON'T WASTE TIME

HEY!
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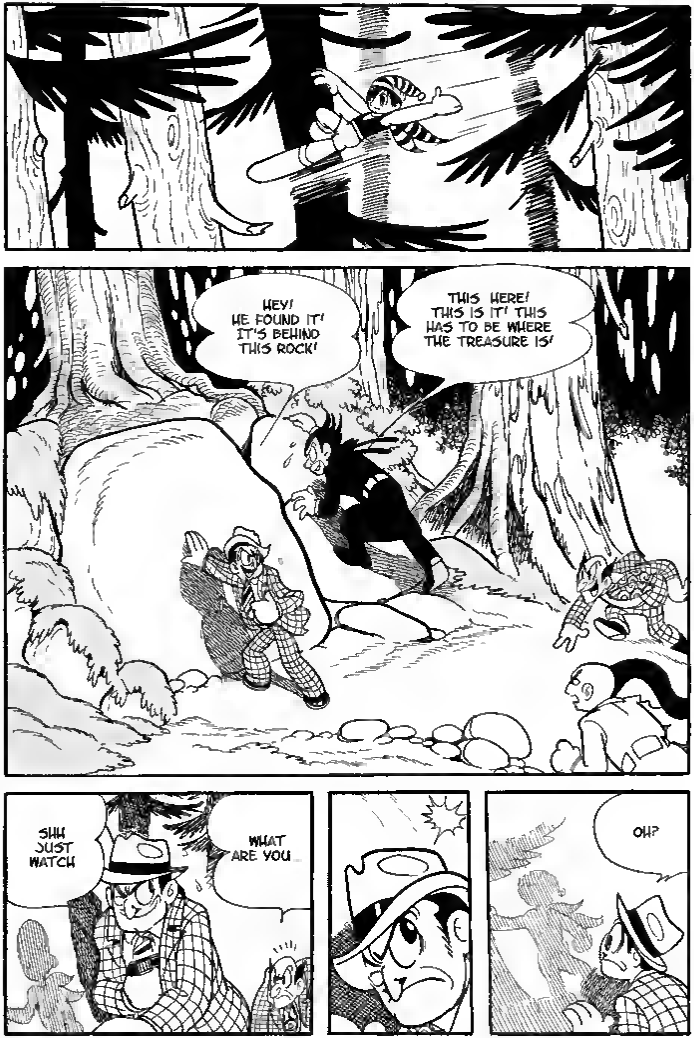
UROOAHH HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU BUT
DAN! WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S THEM
THIS SCENT HUMANS ARE NEARBY
DAN I NEED TO FIGHT HIM DON'T TRY TO STOP ME OK?
THOUGHT I HADN'T SEEN THE LAST OF HIM
KOUSETSUKOKU? HE'S CLOSE BY?
TAILS!
WE'LL DO HEADS OR TAILS

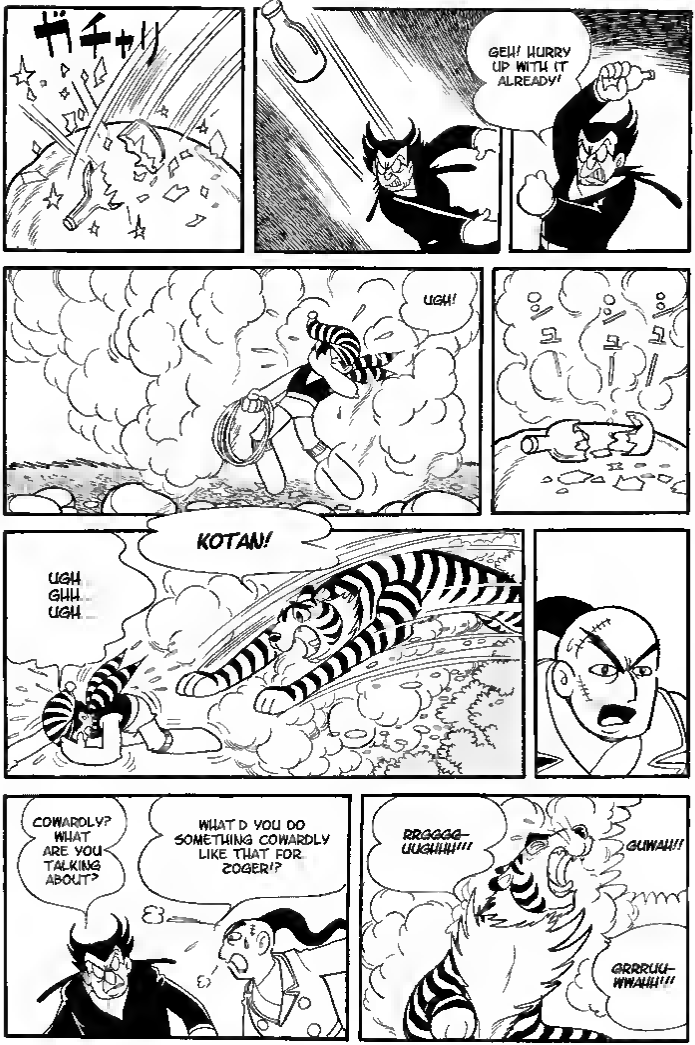
I'LL HELP YOU CATCH UP WITH THEM.
WHY?
KOTAN! GET ON MY BACK
THEY'RE CLOSE!
DAN! YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME FIGHT THEM?
MIGHT AS WELL IF IT'S COME DOWN TO THIS!
I'LL GET A LOOK FROM ABOVE.
ALL RIGHT


HEY! HE FOUND IT! IT'S BEHIND THIS ROCK!
THIS HERE! THIS IS IT! THIS HAS TO BE WHERE THE TREASURE IS!
SHH JUST WATCH
WHAT ARE YOU
OH?

FOUND YOU, KOTAN!
KOTAN?
HE'S SNEAKY TRIED TO CATCH US FROM BEHIND

CAN'T YOU JUST GIVE IT UP ALREADY?
NOT UNTIL YOU GIVE UP TRYING TO TAKE THE AINU'S TREASURE!
GUWAH!
GRROAARR!!
T-TIGER!!

HURRY! GET THE GUN! SHOOT IT!
IT'S THAT TIGER AGAIN BE CAREFUL!
LOOKS LIKE WE MEET AGAIN HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR LAST TIME
GYAH! GET OFF! DON'T EAT ME!
UWAHH!!!
NOW IT'S JUST YOU AND ME HOW IT SHOULD BE, RIGHT? LET'S FINISH THIS
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE WHICH IS FASTER MY PISTOL OR YOUR WHIP!
DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LOSE TO YOU, KOUSETSUKOKU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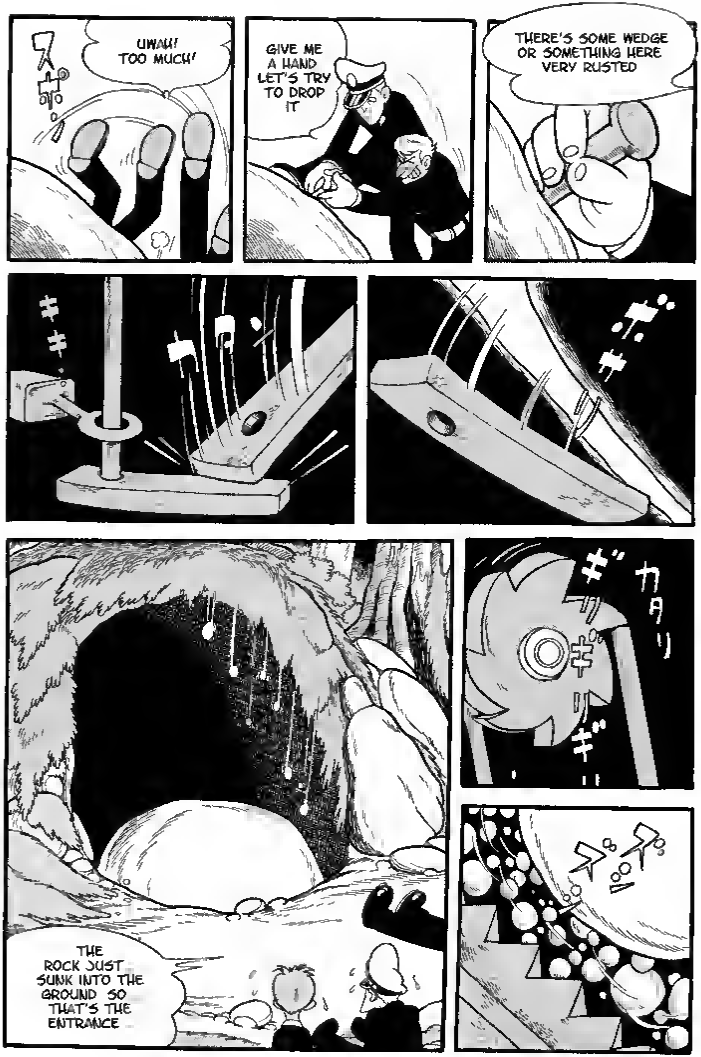
GEH! HURRY UP WITH IT ALREADY!
UGH!
KOTAN!
UGH
GHH
UGH
COWARDLY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT D YOU DO SOMETHING COWARDLY LIKE THAT FOR ZOGER!?
RRGGGG-UUGHHH!!!
GUWA!!!
GRRRUU-WWAHH!!!

ALL RIGHT. TIE THEM UP!
GURAOW-WAHHH
UGH IT HURTS IT
DOCTOR HE MAY BE OUR ENEMY BUT HE'S A WELL-ROOTED KID I WANTED US TO HAVE A FAIR FIGHT
NO TIME TO PLAY AROUND
USE WHATEVER YOU CAN TO WIN THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS, BOY
THAT'S A GOOD ATTITUDE DON'T WORRY, WE'LL HAVE YOU ROAST IN JUST A WHILE.
HURRY UP AND DECIDE WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH US!
FOOL
IDIOT
I'M HITTING SOMETHING HERE
WHAT? DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?
SOMETHING'S STRANGE HERE
HMM?


UWAH! TOO MUCH!
GIVE ME A HAND LET'S TRY TO DROP IT
THERE'S SOME WEDGE OR SOMETHING HERE VERY RUSTED
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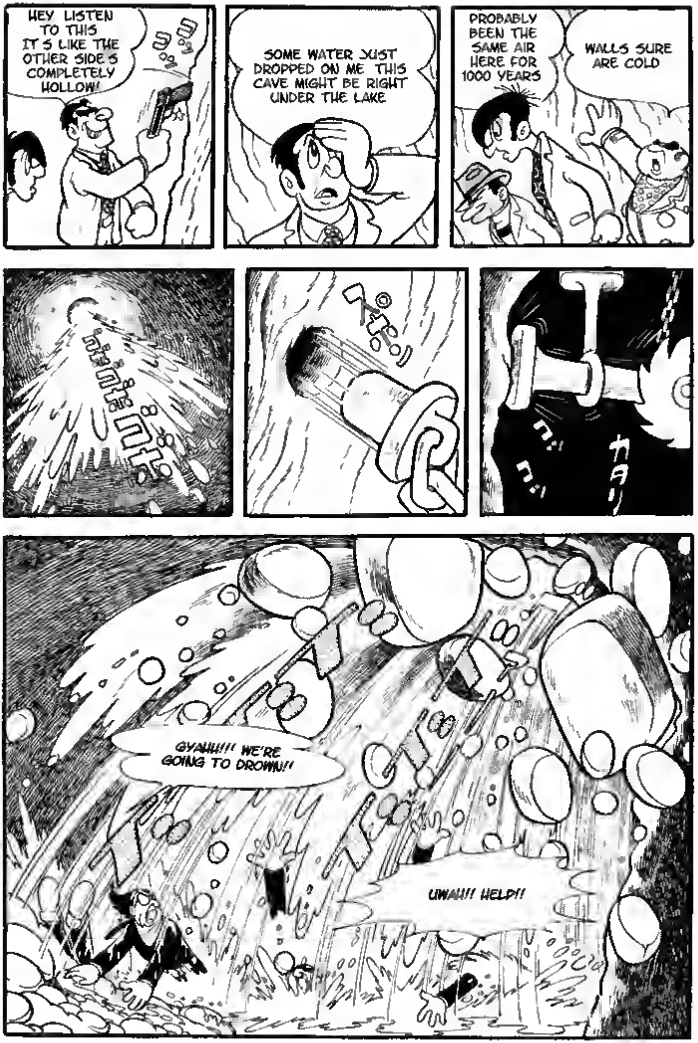
THE ROCK JUST SUNK INTO THE GROUND SO THAT'S THE ENTRANCE

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST GOING TO BE A CAVE. HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE CONTRAPTIONS
ALL IT TOOK WAS LOOSENING ONE WEDGE!
THE AINU TREASURE... SOON IT WILL BE MINE!
WE'RE IN!
EXCELLENT
HAHA!
DON'T KEEP ME WAITING. LET'S GO
IT LOOKS NATURAL AT FIRST BUT THIS WAS DUG OUT BY HUMAN HANDS
SOMEBODY MIGHT NEED TO STAY AND WATCH HIM
UMM... WE JUST GONNA LEAVE THIS KID HERE?
I'LL STAY. I'VE GOT SOMETHING I NEED TO TALK ABOUT WITH HIM ANYWAY
MAKE SURE HE STAYS THERE.


HEY LISTEN TO THIS IT'S LIKE THE OTHER SIDE'S COMPLETELY HOLLOW!
SOME WATER JUST DROPPED ON ME THIS CAVE MIGHT BE RIGHT UNDER THE LAKE
PROBABLY BEEN THE SAME AIR HERE FOR 1000 YEARS
WALLS SURE ARE COLD
GYAH!!!! WE'RE GOING TO DROWN!!
UWA!!! HELP!!

H-HELP... PULL ME UP...
D-DOCTOR ZOGER
GURRWWAHHH
NOT A CHANCE
SUCH A SUDDEN BURST OF WATER LIKE THAT... MUST BE ANOTHER MEASURE TO PROTECT THIS PLACE
THEY'VE BEEN SWALLOWED COMPLETELY UNDERGROUND
I WAS PLANNING ON EXPENDING OF THEM LATER ANYWAY
WORKS OUT FOR THE BEST THOUGH
GOGOGOG

I WANTED TO BE THE ONE TO PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY BUT I CAN'T SHOOT SOMEONE TIED UP LIKE YOU ARE NOW
BUT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I KIND OF LIKE YOU YOU'RE A GOOD KID
YOU'VE BEEN A REAL PAIN IN THE NECK WHILE WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND THIS TREASURE.
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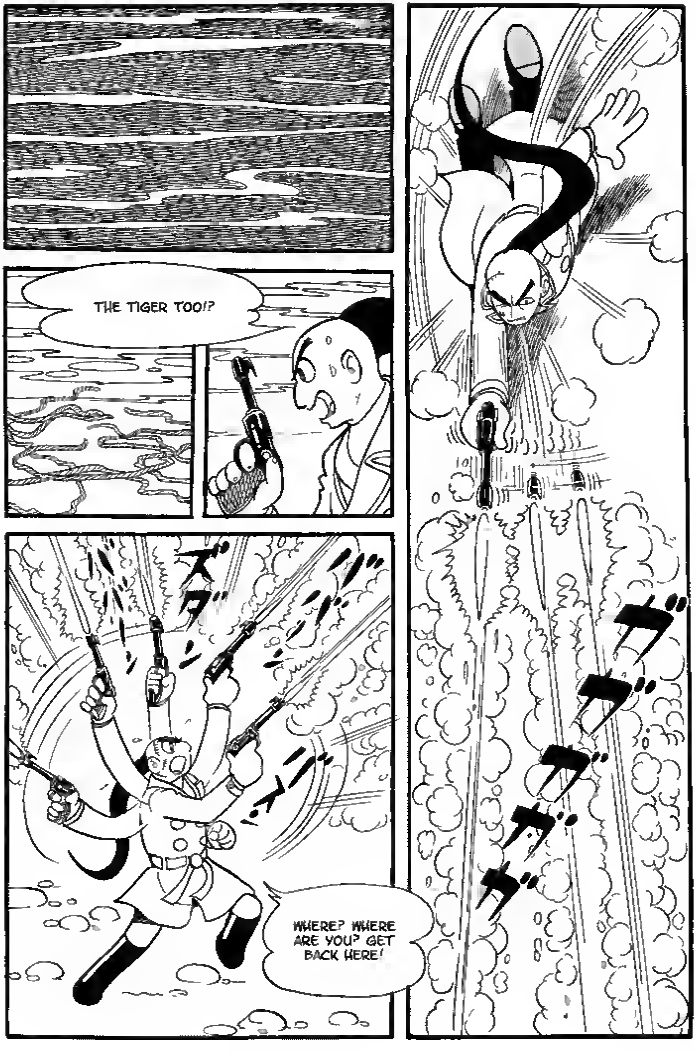
NGGG
NOT TIED UP ANYMORE GO AHEAD AND SHOOT ME IF YOU CAN!
YOU BROKE THROUGH THOSE ROPES!? WHAT POWER
AH!


THE TIGER TOO!?
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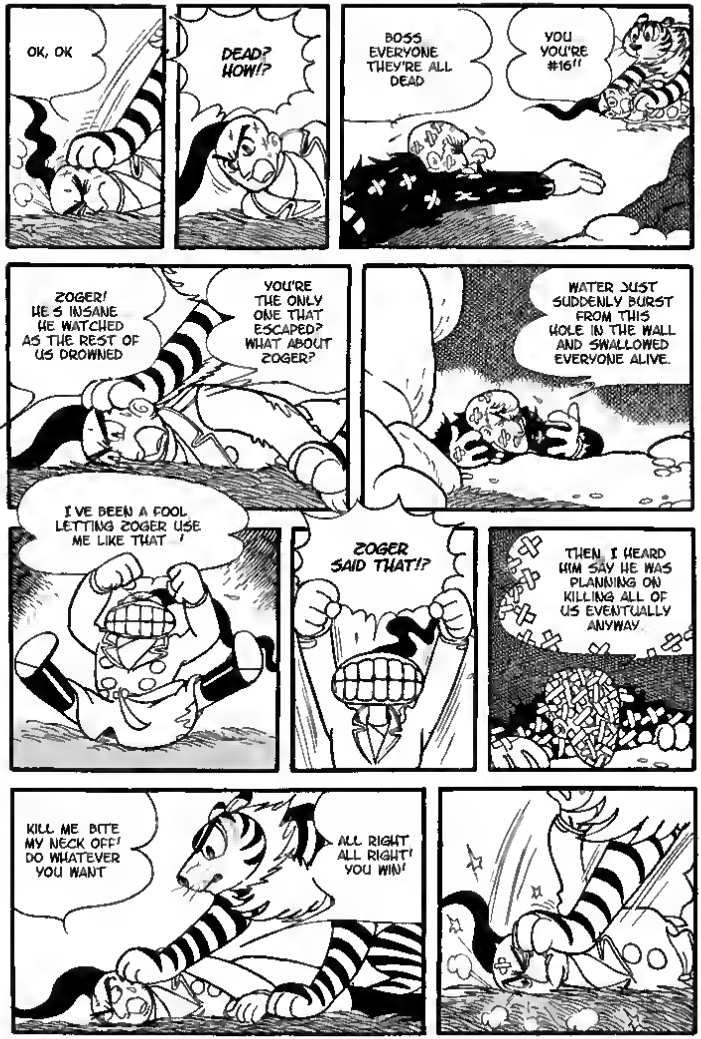
WHERE? WHERE ARE YOU? GET BACK HERE!

WHERE ARE YOU HIDING?
I'M RIGHT UN-DER-NEATH YOU!
HA YOU THINK I'M UP THERE?
GUWAH!!
GRARHH!!
UGHHH OHH
DAN SOMEONE'S COMING BACK OUT OF THE CAVE
YOU GOT ME


OK, OK
DEAD? HOW!?
BOSS EVERYONE THEY'RE ALL DEAD
YOU YOU'RE #16!!
ZOGER! HE'S INSANE HE WATCHED AS THE REST OF US DROWNED
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT ESCAPED? WHAT ABOUT ZOGER?
WATER JUST SUDDENLY BURST FROM THIS HOLE IN THE WALL AND SWALLOWED EVERYONE ALIVE.
I'VE BEEN A FOOL LETTING ZOGER USE ME LIKE THAT!
ZOGER SAID THAT!?
THEN I HEARD HIM SAY HE WAS PLANNING ON KILLING ALL OF US EVENTUALLY ANYWAY.
KILL ME BITE MY NECK OFF! DO WHATEVER YOU WANT
ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN!

POOR. FIGHTING TO MAKE IT TO THE END OF EACH DAY. I RAN AWAY FROM HOME WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE. TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING BETTER.
I CAME FROM A TRIBE IN CHINA CALLED THE UYGHUR TRIBE. WE WERE A TRIBE SOON FACING ITS END.
I WANDERED FROM PLACE TO PLACE...
FINALLY, I FOUND I HATED EVERYONE IN THE WORLD RIGHT BACK. THAT'S WHEN I STARTED DEALING WITH PIRATES AND GANGS.
HATED AND LOOKED DOWN ON BY EVERYONE.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO. BUT I'M THROUGH NOW. I'VE WOKEN UP.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO BECOME A GOOD PERSON THEN?
WHEN I HEARD WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH THOUGH, I WAS EMBARRASSED.

HURRY UP DO IT!
SO COME ON GIVE ME A BIG SLASH COME HAVE AT ME
KOUSETSUKOKU YOU'VE DIED AND BEEN REBORN LET'S BE FRIENDS FROM NOW. OK?
DAN! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T HURT HIM
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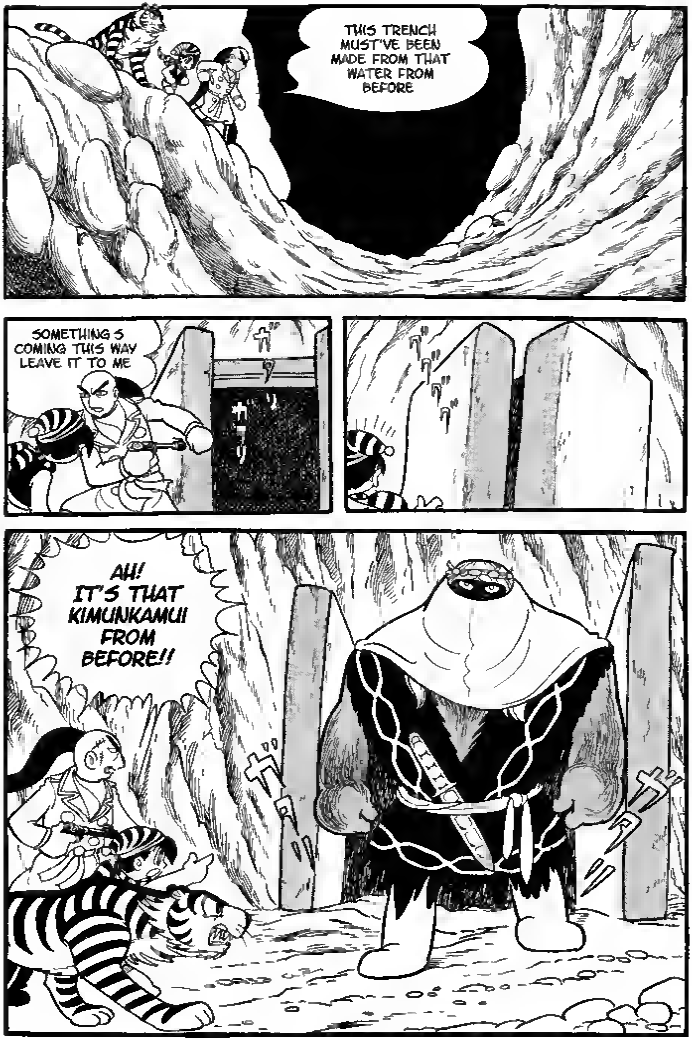
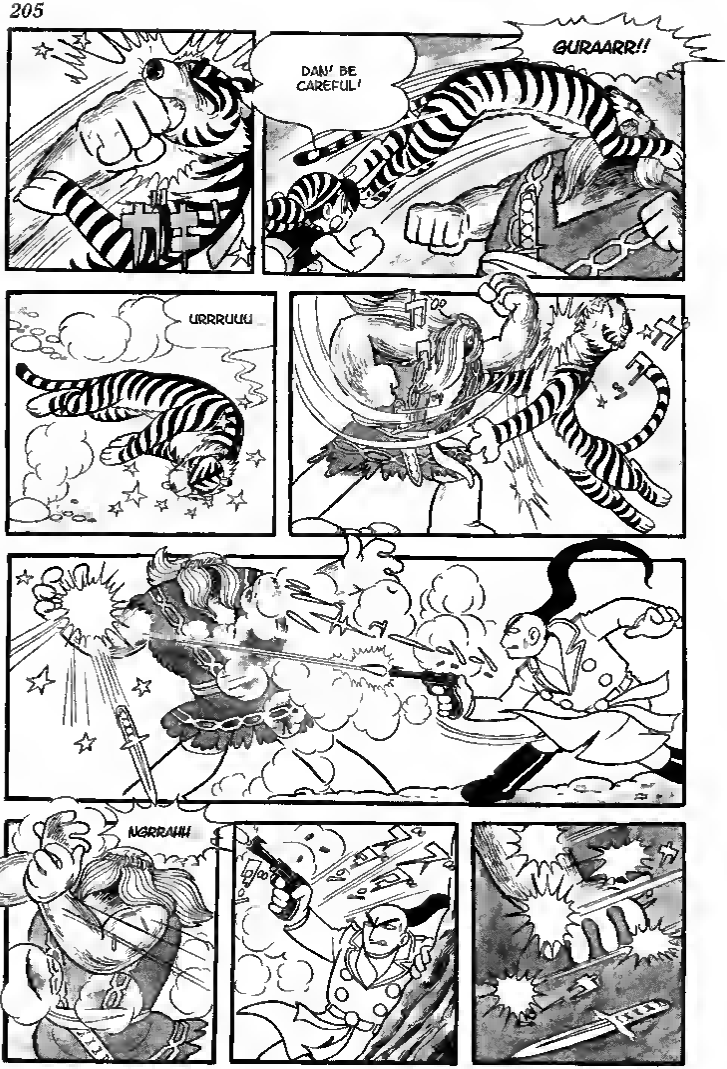
WATCH FOR ZOGER'S SCENT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO BEAT HIM TO THAT TREASURE.
DAN! YOU STAND IN FRONT BE CAREFUL LET'S GO IN
WE COME FROM THE SAME KIND OF BACKGROUND I'M SURE WE CAN GET ALONG
THANK YOU I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT I'LL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN


THIS TRENCH MUST'VE BEEN MADE FROM THAT WATER FROM BEFORE
SOMETHING'S COMING THIS WAY LEAVE IT TO ME
AH! IT'S THAT KIMUNKAMUI FROM BEFORE!!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DAN! BE CAREFUL!
GURAARR!!
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WHAT POWER...
HE'S TOSSING BOULDERS LIKE THEY'RE MARBLES
I CAN'T EVEN GET CLOSE TO HIM
GIRI GIRIRI...
AH! IT'S A DEAD END!
LET'S TRY TO ESCAPE THROUGH THIS TUNNEL HERE
YOU CAN NO LONGER RUN PREPARE YOURSELVES
SOUNDS LIKE A WOMAN'S VOICE...
SOMEONE'S LAUGHING AT US
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO PROTECT THE TREASURE?
WE TWO HAVE PROTECTED THIS TREASURE FOR A VERY LONG TIME ANYONE WHO TRIES TO TAKE THIS TREASURE SHALL NOT MAKE IT BACK ALIVE

UNTIL NOW MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND THIEVES HAVE COME HERE HOPING TO MAKE THE TREASURE THEIRS
SILENCE WE WERE THE DIVINE GUARDIANS OF THE KING WHO HAS HIS GRAVE HERE WE'VE PROTECTED THIS TREASURE FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS
BUT NEVER DID A SINGLE ONE OF THEM MAKE IT OUT OF THIS PLACE ALIVE
SHUT THEM IN
LIKE WE'D BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THAT!
FEEL FREE TO SUFFER IN THERE FOR THE REMAINDER OF YOUR SHORT LIVES
UWAH! THEY CLOSED THE LID ON US!

GREAT WE'VE BEEN BURIED ALIVE.
TRAPPING US INSIDE LIKE THIS THIS STONE UGH! I CAN'T MOVE IT AT ALL!
WE'RE GOING TO BE STUCK IN THIS HOLE UNTIL WE'RE LONG GONE. NOT REALLY THE GRAND FINALE I WANTED FOR MYSELF
REGARDLESS UNLESS WE HAVE SOMEBODY COME SAVE US
I THINK SHE'S SOME KIND OF FOX
SHE SPOKE WITH A STRANGE VOICE. WAS SHE HUMAN OR NOT?
SO THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DEAD DOWN HERE.
JUST THEN, DR ZOGER WAS PROGRESSING THROUGH THE CAVE BY HIMSELF

ACK! I'M GOING TO BE SICK...
AH!
THERE SHOULDN'T BE A DEAD END HERE...
HMM? THIS PATH JUST ENDS HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN
THE AINU MUST'VE PASSED AWAY HERE AND BEEN TURNING INTO GRAVE WAX ALL THIS TIME.
IF A CORPSE IS LEFT UNDERGROUND IN AN ENCLOSED SPACE FOR A LONG TIME, THE FAT FROM THE BODY DISSOLVES INTO AN ALMOST SOAP-LOOKING FILM THAT COVERS THE BODY. THIS IS CALLED GRAVE WAX
LET'S TRY PULLING THIS
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THERE
THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF SWITCH OR SOMETHING...
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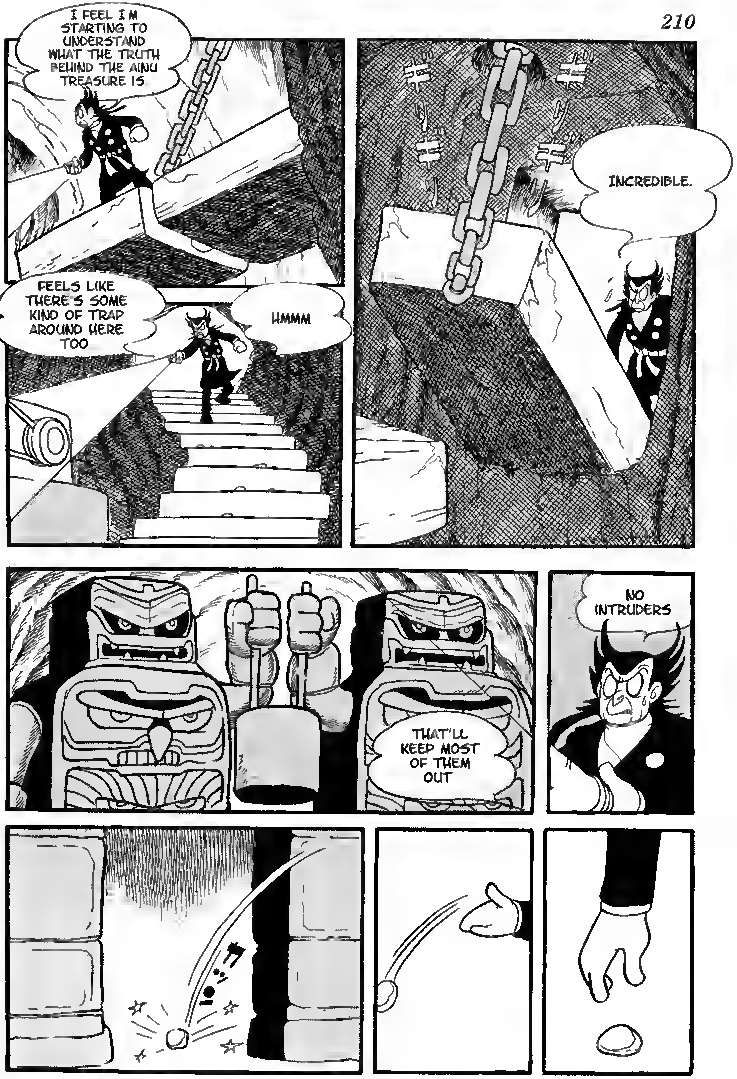
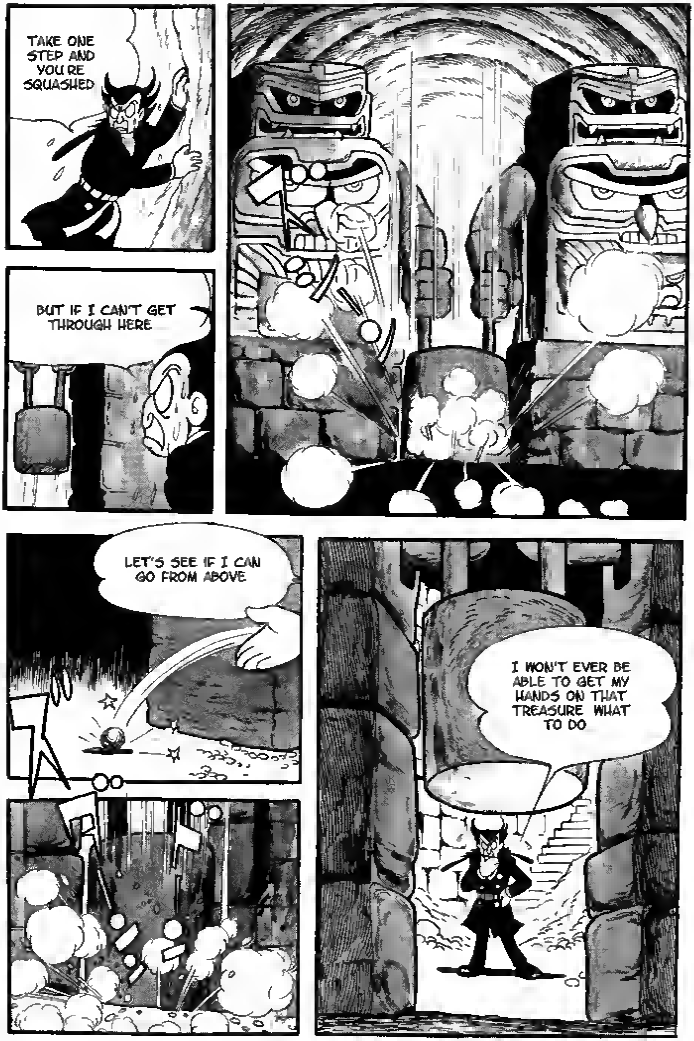
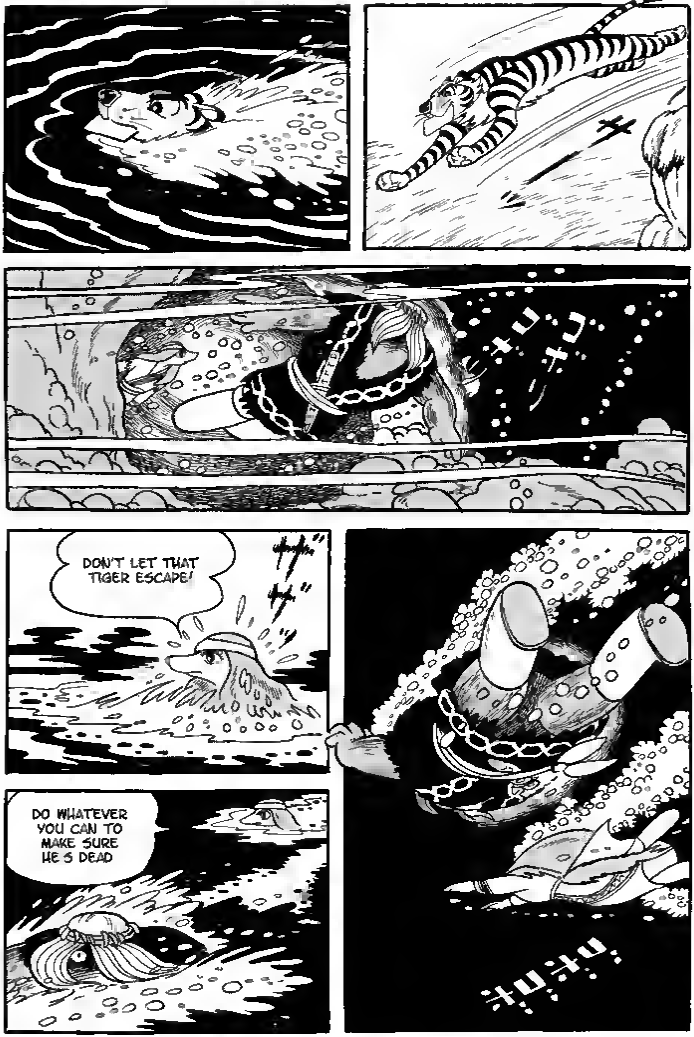

I FEEL I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE TRUTH BEHIND THE AINU TREASURE IS
FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOME KIND OF TRAP AROUND HERE TOO
HMMM
INCREDIBLE.
THAT'LL KEEP MOST OF THEM OUT
NO INTRUDERS


TAKE ONE STEP AND YOU'RE SQUASHED
BUT IF I CAN'T GET THROUGH HERE
LET'S SEE IF I CAN GO FROM ABOVE
I WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT TREASURE WHAT TO DO

UWWAH! MY HANDS!
THINK IT MIGHT'VE WORKED.
YOU'RE JUST HEARING THINGS
KOTAN CAN YOU HEAR THE WIND?
MY HANDS! LET ME DOWN!! SOMEONE HELP!
MAYBE THERE IS AIR COMING FROM SOMEWHERE.
BUT IT'S STRANGE THE AIR IN HERE ISN'T RUNNING OUT
LOOKS LIKE A SMALL FISSURE
DAN'S RIGHT! THERE'S A CRACK IN THE GROUND HERE...
HERE. THERE'S AIR COMING UP FROM HERE!

URAR URR RAHH RARRU-UHH
WHAT?
I THINK IT'S CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE
THIS SCENT SPRUCE?
CAN YOU GET TO THE OUTSIDE AND TELL SOMEONE WE RE IN HERE?
RIGHT FELINES PROBABLY COULD GET THROUGH A SMALL CRACK LIKE THAT?
MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU KOTAN, BUT...
YEAH I'LL WRITE IT FOR YOU
KOUSET-SUKOKU DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH?
THEN I'LL GRAORR GRORARR OUTSIDE
KOTAN, YOU WRITE A LETTER
DON'T WORRY, KOTAN AS LONG AS YOU'RE SAFE YOU CAN ALWAYS MEET ME ANYTIME YOU LIKE
DAN I M WORRIED I FEEL LIKE THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE'LL EVER MEET
Need help To the west of the lake there is a Forest
BE SAFE
YOU TOO

ALL RIGHT. I'M OFF.
REALLY TIGHT REALLY ONLY A FELINE COULD GET THROUGH THIS
OK, GETTING A LITTLE TOO TIGHT
THIS IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL
THIS IS THAT LITTLE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE.
I MADE IT!
BUT I'M OUT!
THE OUTSIDE!

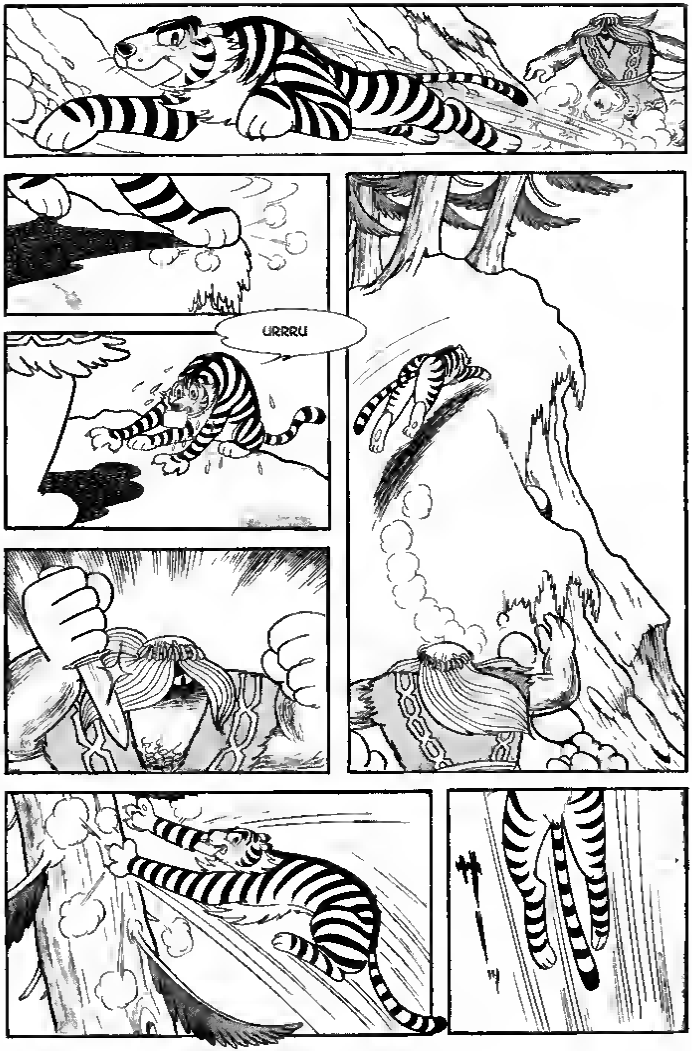

DON'T LET THAT TIGER ESCAPE!
DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO MAKE SURE HE'S DEAD

GIRRIRI...
GIRA!!!

ATTACK!
KAGA!!!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN TAKE A TIGER DOWN SO EASILY!!!
GET HIM OFF YOU!

KILL HIM BEFORE HE MAKES CONTACT WITH ANY HUMANS!!
HIS BODY...
IT'S LIKE BITING INTO STEEL ! ALL RIGHT... LET'S GO FOR THE NECK!

NO! DON'T TAKE THAT!!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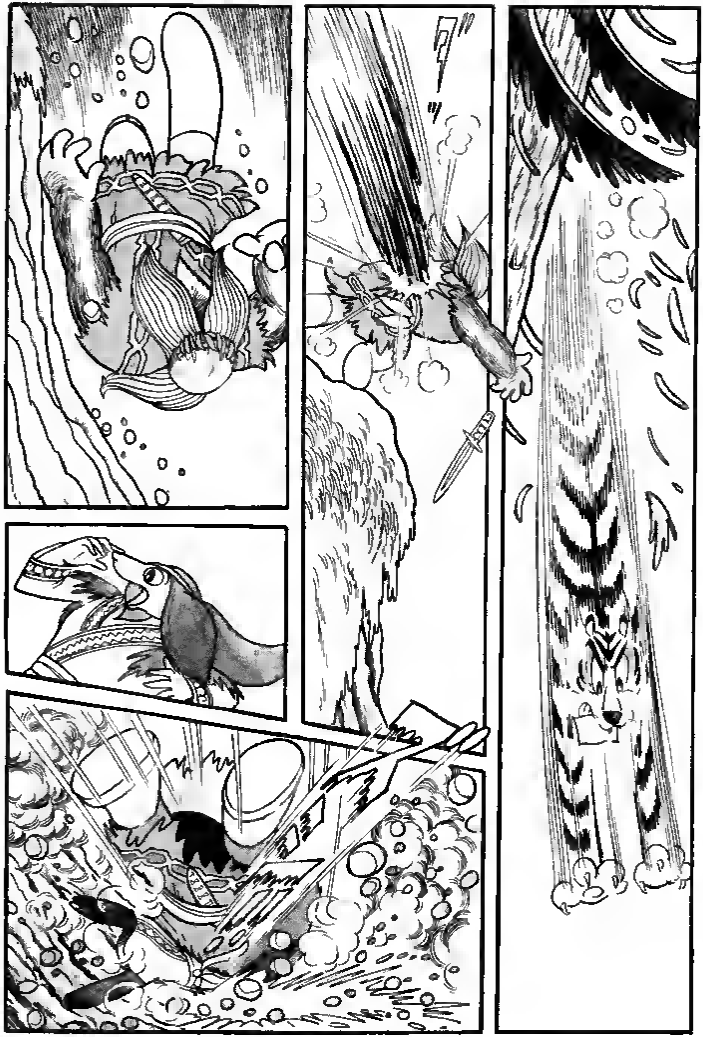

I'M GOING TO BE TOO LATE...
GET READY TO FIRE!!
THAT T-T-TIGER!!
WAIT... THIS LETTER...!!
FIRE!!

GRRR!!!
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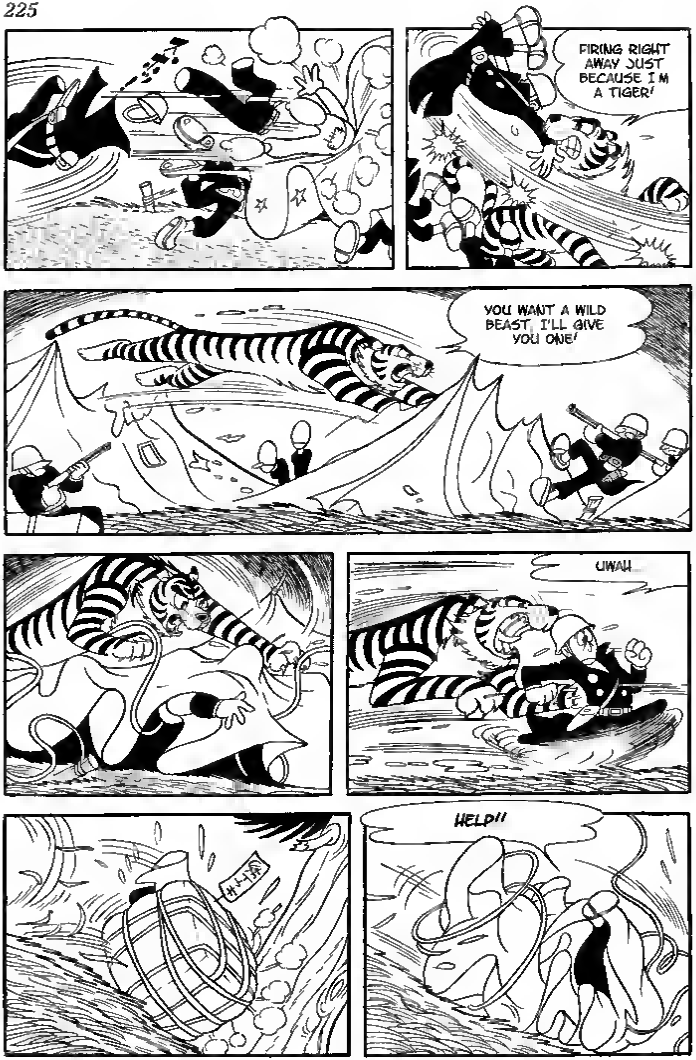
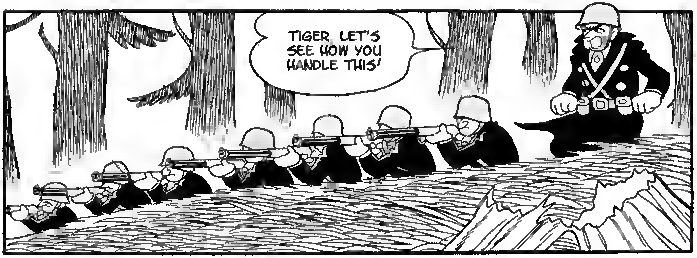
GRARR!!!
I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU, STOP SHOOTING!!


FIRING RIGHT AWAY JUST BECAUSE I'M A TIGER!
YOU WANT A WILD BEAST, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE!
UWAH
HELP!!


TIGER LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE THIS!

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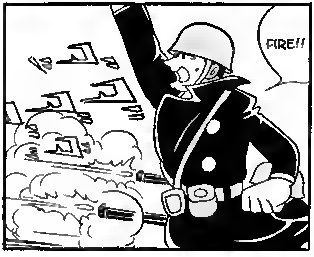
FIRE!!

HUA
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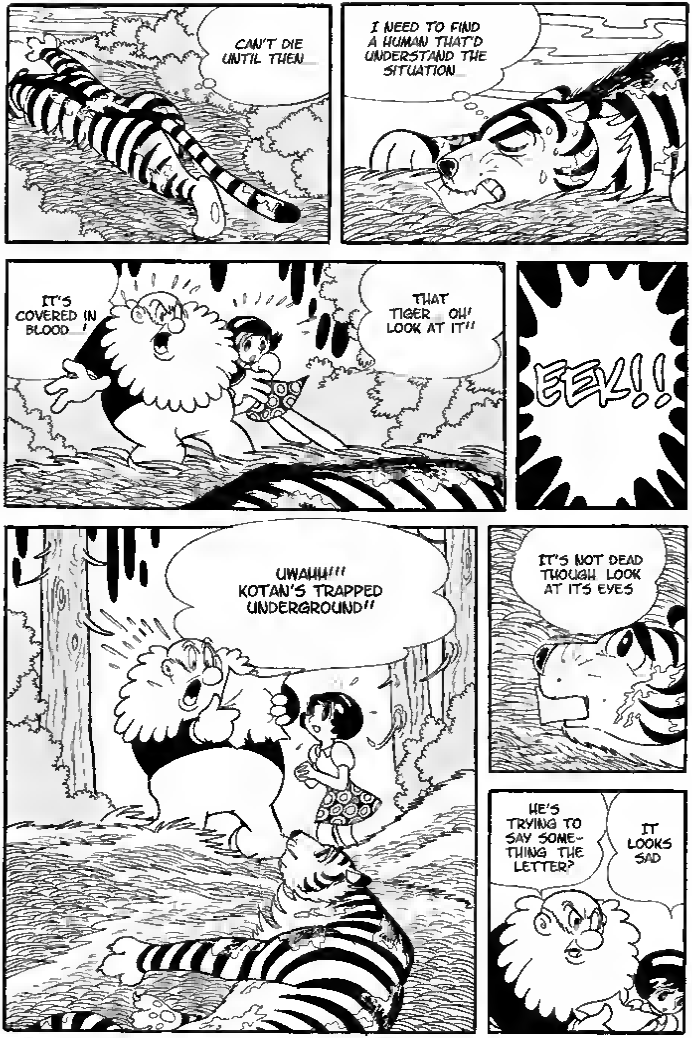
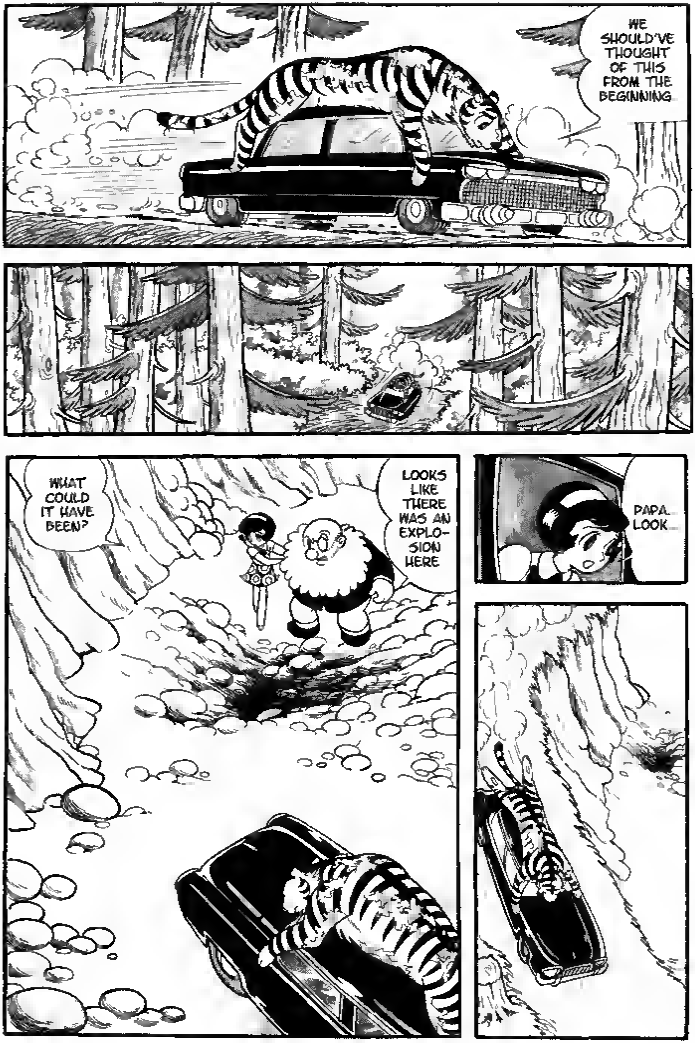
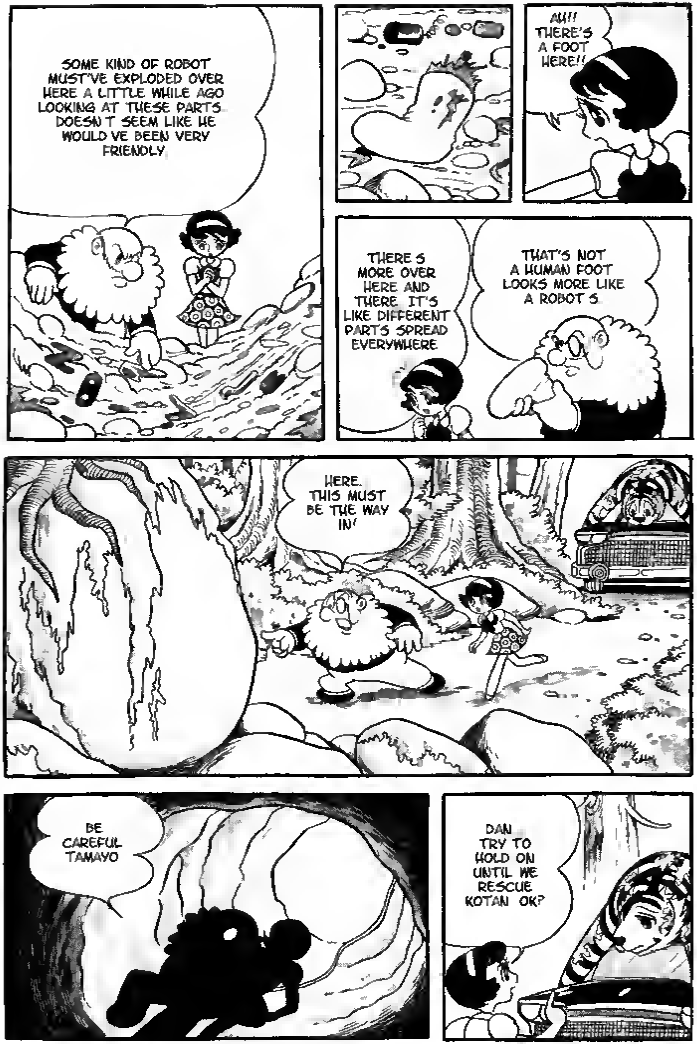
BUT WHEREVER HE IS, HE PROBABLY WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER ANYWAY
WHAT? YOU CAN'T SEE HIM?
CAPTAIN! THE MIST
FINISH IT OFF. AIM FOR THE NECK!
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO KOTAN?
I CAN'T DIE HERE
DON'T GIVE UP YET, DAN!

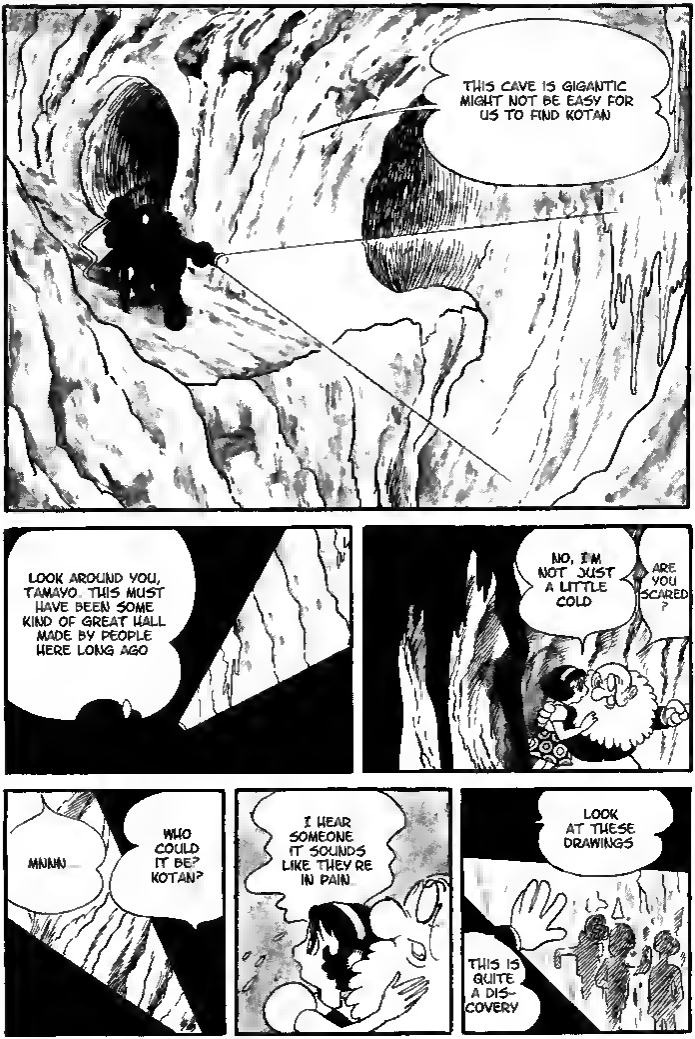

CAN'T DIE UNTIL THEN
I NEED TO FIND A HUMAN THAT'D UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION
IT'S COVERED IN BLOOD!
THAT TIGER... OH! LOOK AT IT!!
EEK!!
UWAHH!!! KOTAN'S TRAPPED UNDERGROUND!!
IT'S NOT DEAD THOUGH LOOK AT IT'S EYES
HE'S TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING THE LETTER?
IT LOOKS SAD

LISTEN... THIS IS WHAT IT SAYS "KOTAN IS TRAPPED UNDERGROUND WITH A MAN NAMED KOUSETSUKOKU THE ENTRANCE IS A ROCK IN THE FOREST AT THE CAPE TO THE WEST OF THE LAKE..."
HURRY WE'RE GOING TO WHERE THAT LETTER SAYS!
OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WOULD GO AND DO THIS TO YOU
DAN I WAS WRONG YOU'RE A GOOD TIGER, AREN'T YOU?
THIS TIGER RISKED HIS LIFE DELIVERING THIS...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TAKE HIM ANYWAY?
YOU WERE SO SCARED OF HIM BEFORE!
WHAT!?
LET'S BRING DAN TOO

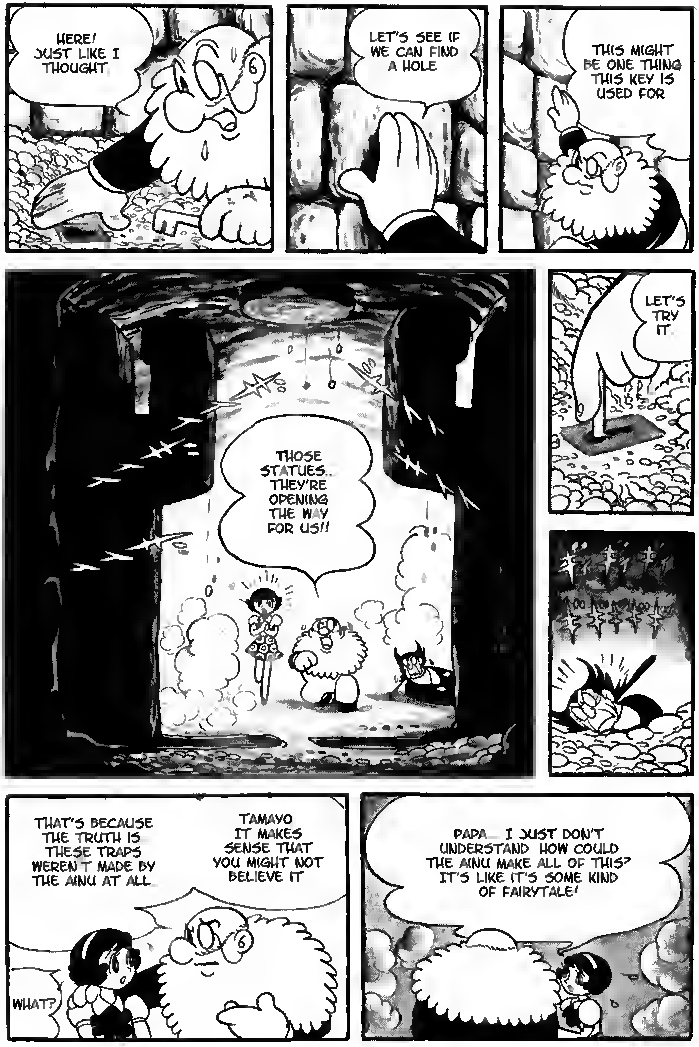
DON'T BE STUPID!!
WHY DON'T WE PUT HIM IN THE CAR?
I KNOW KOTAN WILL WANT TO MEET DAN AGAIN
YOU JUST WANT TO LEAVE HIM HERE?
WE'LL TAKE HIM OK?
THAT WON'T DO EITHER
THEN I'LL STAY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF HIM
HOW WOULD HE FIT IN THERE!?
IT WOULD BE EASIER IF IT WAS JUST HIS SKIN
MORE THAN THE TAIL, PLEASE
I'VE GOT HIS TAIL!
HELP ME OUT A BIT HERE.
BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET IN NOW?
SOMEHOW
HE'S IN.


WE SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THIS FROM THE BEGINNING
WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN?
LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS AN EXPLO-SION HERE
PAPA LOOK...


SOME KIND OF ROBOT MUST'VE EXPLODED OVER HERE A LITTLE WHILE AGO LOOKING AT THESE PARTS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE WOULD'VE BEEN VERY FRIENDLY
AU!! THERE'S A FOOT HERE!!
THERE'S MORE OVER HERE AND THERE. IT'S LIKE DIFFERENT PARTS SPREAD EVERYWHERE
THAT'S NOT A HUMAN FOOT LOOKS MORE LIKE A ROBOT'S
HERE. THIS MUST BE THE WAY IN!
BE CAREFUL TAMAYO
DAN TRY TO HOLD ON UNTIL WE RESCUE KOTAN OK?

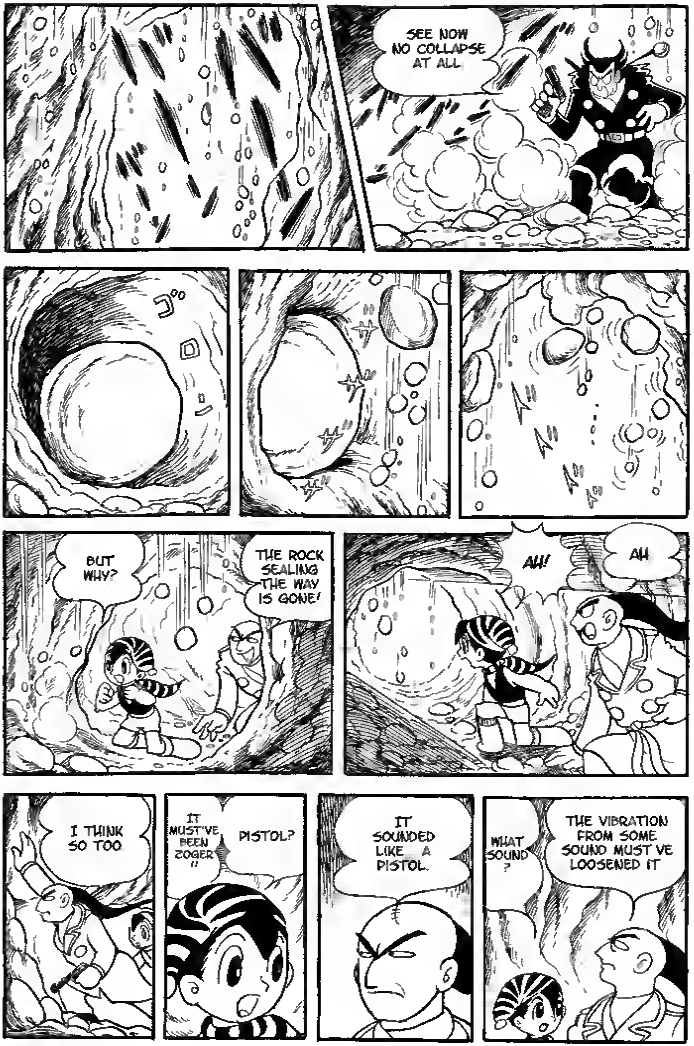

THIS CAVE IS GIGANTIC MIGHT NOT BE EASY FOR US TO FIND KOTAN
LOOK AROUND YOU, TAMAYO. THIS MUST HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF GREAT HALL MADE BY PEOPLE HERE LONG AGO
NO, I'M NOT JUST A LITTLE COLD
ARE YOU SCARED?
MMM...
WHO COULD IT BE? KOTAN?
I HEAR SOMEONE IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE IN PAIN
LOOK AT THESE DRAWINGS
THIS IS QUITE A DIS-COVERY

DOCTOR HANAMARU
Y-YOU ZOGER!!
MMM
WHO'S THERE?
I HAD THEM CAUGHT IN BETWEEN THOSE ROCKS UP THERE
DON'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP YOU'LL BE SQUASHED
NO I COULDN'T GET PAST ALL THE DIFFERENT TRAPS IN HERE LOOK AT THESE HANDS THE BONES HAVE BEEN SHATTERED
SO YOU GOT IN HERE BEFORE ME. WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU FIND THE TREASURE?
HOW ABOUT WE TRY THIS KEY!
I'D BE SURPRISED IF THERE WAS
YOU THINK IT JUST CRUSHES ANYBODY THAT WALKS BY? MAYBE THERE'S SOME WAY TO GET BY IT WITHOUT IT FALLING DOWN ON YOU


HERE! JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND A HOLE
THIS MIGHT BE ONE THING THIS KEY IS USED FOR
THOSE STATUES... THEY'RE OPENING THE WAY FOR US!!
LET'S TRY IT.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS THESE TRAPS WEREN'T MADE BY THE AINU AT ALL
TAMAYO IT MAKES SENSE THAT YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT
WHAT?
PAPA... I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW COULD THE AINU MAKE ALL OF THIS? IT'S LIKE IT'S SOME KIND OF FAIRYTALE!

PAPA... I DON'T UNDERSTAND
PEOPLE HERE BEFORE THE AINU?
EVERYTHING HERE WAS MADE BY THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE BEFORE THE AINU CAME
ZOGER!! YOUR HANDS! YOU WERE LYING, WEREN'T YOU!!?
THE SECRET WE UNCOVERED FROM THAT AINU YUUKARA...
ONLY YOU AND I KNOW THAT STORY
DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD, HANAMARU
CALL ME WHAT YOU WILL. BUT THE TREASURE IS MINE.
YOU'RE A LYING VILLAIN!!
I HEARD SOMEONE COMING SO I PRETENDED TO HAVE HURT MYSELF BUT AFTER I REALIZED IT WAS YOU TOO I THOUGHT I COULD QUIT THE ACT THANKS FOR OPENING THE WAY THOUGH!!
THAT'S RIGHT I'M THE ONE WHO GETS IT. NOT ANYONE ELSE

YOU SHOOT AND THIS CEILING WILL COLLAPSE
THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THE WHOLE WORLD!! FARE-WELL OLD FRIEND
THAT TREASURE IS ALL I NEED...
WAIT DON'T SHOOT!
LOOK AT ALL THE WATER DRIPPING THROUGH THERE
HEH, YOU THINK A GUNSHOT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE THAT LITTLE DRIP BRING THE WHOLE CEILING DOWN? JUST WATCH


SEE NOW NO COLLAPSE AT ALL
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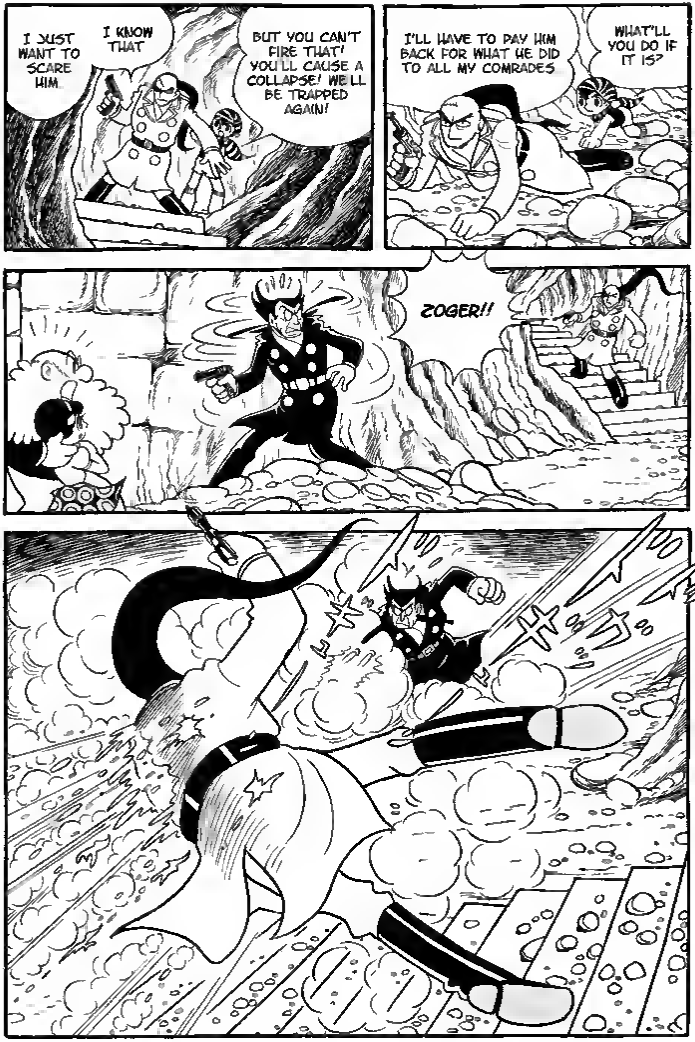
A!!
A!!
A!!
BUT WHY?
THE ROCK SEALING THE WAY IS GONE!
AH!
AH!
I THINK SO TOO
IT MUST'VE BEEN ZOGER!!
PISTOL?
IT SOUNDED LIKE A PISTOL.
WHAT SOUND?
THE VIBRATION FROM SOME SOUND MUST'VE LOOSENED IT


I JUST WANT TO SCARE HIM.
I KNOW THAT
BUT YOU CAN'T FIRE THAT! YOU'LL CAUSE A COLLAPSE! WE'LL BE TRAPPED AGAIN!
I'LL HAVE TO PAY HIM BACK FOR WHAT HE DID TO ALL MY COMRADES
WHAT'LL YOU DO IF IT IS?
ZOGER!!

NO ONE GETS THE TREASURE BUT ME NO ONE!!
HE SHOT KOUSESTSU-KOKU!!
NO MORE BULLETS?
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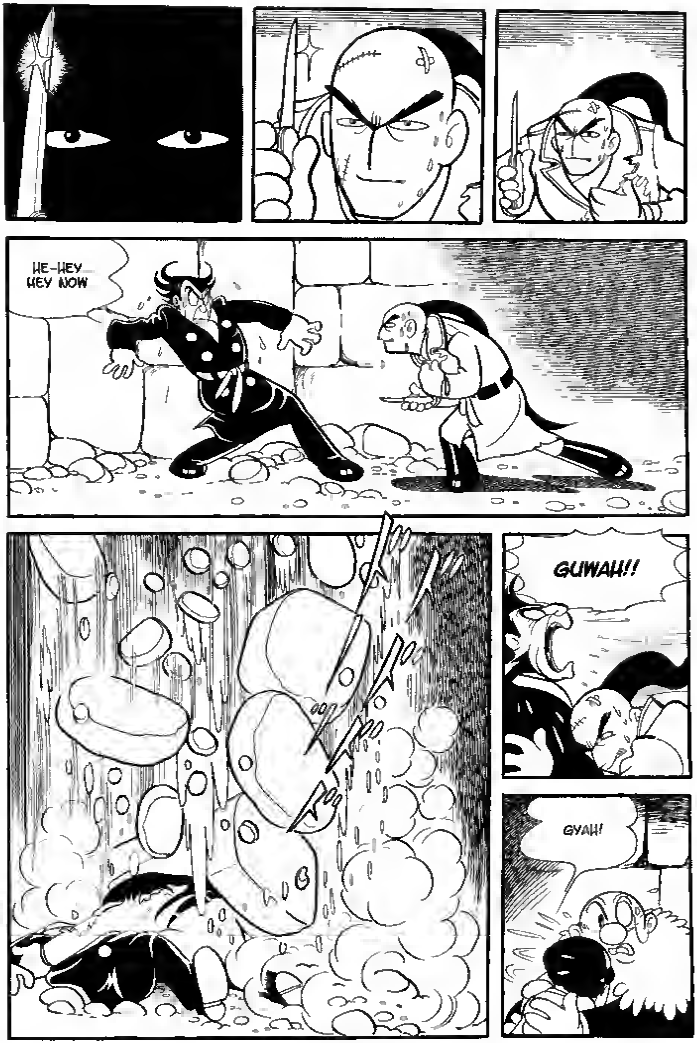
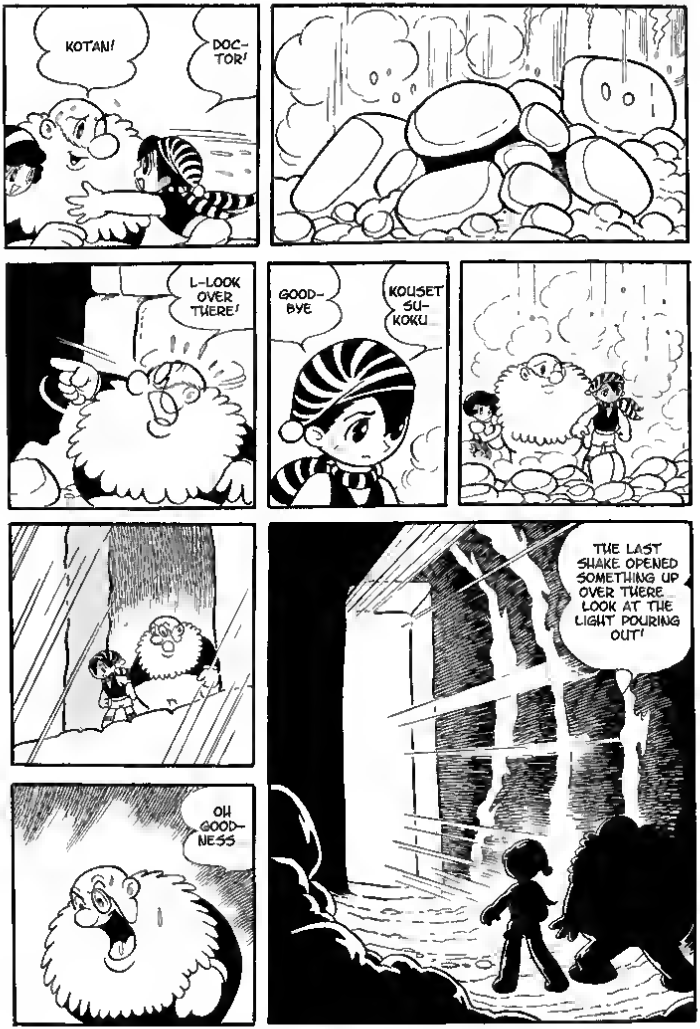
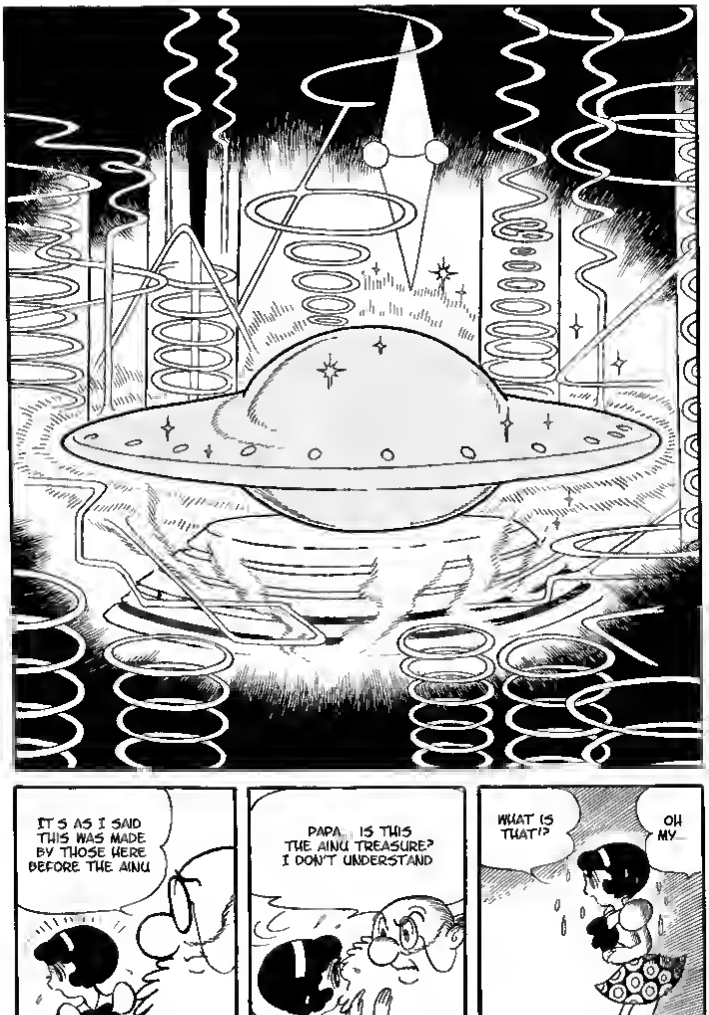
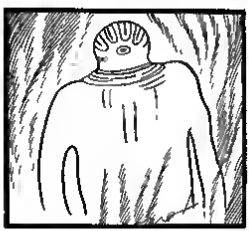
LEAVE THIS TO ME
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS
KOTAN! STOP!
YOU...!!


HE-HEY
HEY WOW
GUWAH!!
GYAH!

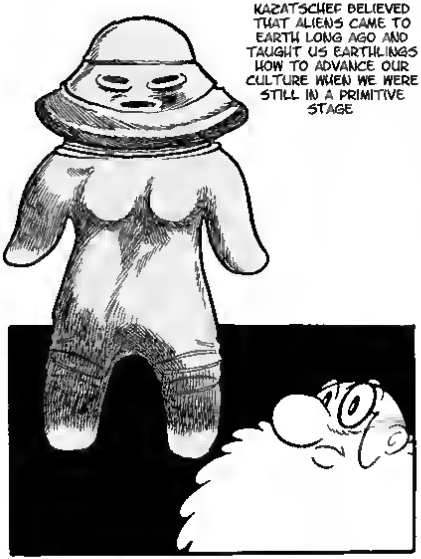

KOTAN!
DOC-TOR!
L-LOOK OVER THERE!
GOOD-BYE
KOUSET SU-KOKU
THE LAST SHAKE OPENED SOMETHING UP OVER THERE... LOOK AT THE LIGHT POURING OUT!
OH GOOD-NESS


IT'S AS I SAID THIS WAS MADE BY THOSE HERE BEFORE THE AINU
PAPA... IS THIS THE AINU TREASURE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT IS THAT!?
OH MY...

A MAN FROM THE SOVIET UNION BY THE NAME OF KAZATSCHEF SAID THAT LONG AGO THE EARTH WAS POPULATED BY ALIENS. TRACES OF WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THEM CAN BE FOUND IN AFRICA, SIBERIA...

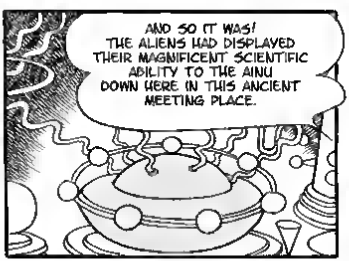


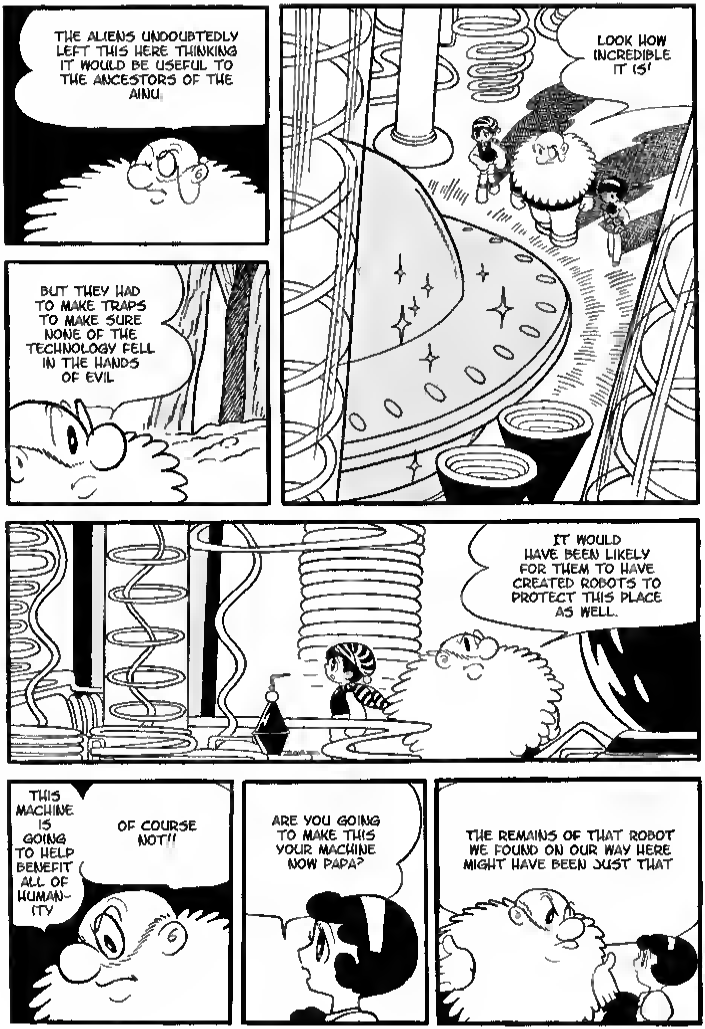
THE EVIDENCE OF THIS EXISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD. CLAY DOLLS MADE BY JAPANESE, PICTURES ON THE WALL DRAWN BY AFRICANS. ALL SAID TO RESEMBLE WHAT COULD BE ALIENS.



KAZATSCHEF BELIEVED THAT ALIENS CAME TO EARTH LONG AGO AND TAUGHT US EARTHLINGS HOW TO ADVANCE OUR CULTURE WHEN WE WERE STILL IN A PRIMITIVE STAGE.

SKULL OF A PRIMITIVE WITH A BULLET HOLE


AND SO IT WAS! THE ALIENS HAD DISPLAYED THEIR MAGNIFICENT SCIENTIFIC ABILITY TO THE AINU DOWN HERE IN THIS ANCIENT MEETING PLACE.


THE ALIENS UNDOUBTEDLY LEFT THIS HERE THINKING IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE ANCESTORS OF THE AINU.
LOOK HOW INCREDIBLE IT IS!
BUT THEY HAD TO MAKE TRAPS TO MAKE SURE NONE OF THE TECHNOLOGY FELL IN THE HANDS OF EVIL
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKELY FOR THEM TO HAVE CREATED ROBOTS TO PROTECT THIS PLACE AS WELL.
THIS MACHINE IS GOING TO HELP BENEFIT ALL OF HUMANITY
OF COURSE NOT!!
ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THIS YOUR MACHINE NOW PAPA?
THE REMAINS OF THAT ROBOT WE FOUND ON OUR WAY HERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUST THAT

HOWEVER...
AND SEEING SOMETHING LIKE THIS HERE, IN-STANTLY I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THIS DISCOVERY TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.
REGARDLESS NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THAT TIGER
AH!
BUT THE WORLD IS STILL TOO DANGEROUS OF A PLACE RIGHT NOW THERE ARE STILL MANY PEOPLE LIKE ZOGER WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE TIME IS RIGHT.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SOONER!?
WHAT?
KOTAN! I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT DAN...
NO... YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

DAN!
DAN!
AH!
LOOK AT YOU, DAN. YOU'VE GOT BULLET HOLES ALL OVER YOU!
DAN! WAKE UP! IT'S ME!! KOTAN!

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, DOCTOR!? PLEASE, I DON'T WANT DAN TO DIE LIKE THIS!
HIS HEART'S WEAK I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAVE HIM NOW. UNFORTUNATELY
DAN WAS VERY BRAVE BOY DELIVERING THAT LETTER TO US WHILE CARRYING THIS INJURY
GO
KOTAN, I'M SURE DAN WOULD BE HAPPY IF IT WAS YOU
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO SAVE HIM. IT MAY JUST BE BETTER TO LET HIM BE PUT TO REST.

DON'T WORRY I'LL TELL THE WORLD ABOUT DAN, AND HIS LEGACY THE BRAVEST TIGER THERE EVER WAS
I KNOW IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING HORRIBLE BUT YOU'RE GIVING HIM PEACE. KOTAN
I CAN'T I CAN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO DAN!!
I KNOW IT'S OK
DAN
ズダ!! ズダ!!
I KNEW A LONG TIME AGO YOU'D BE THE ONE
BUT WE'RE FRIENDS, KOTAN EVEN IF I GO NOW, WE'RE STILL FRIENDS
OF COURSE. OF COURSE WE ARE, DAN

(BRAVE DAN) END

勇者ダン

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あとがき

手塚治虫

ぼくには動物を主人公にした物語がやたらにあります。「ジャングル大帝」のライオンをはじめ、犬、猫、ネズミ、兎、狐、狸、象、イルカ、鳥、魚、虫にいたるまで。トラはこの「勇者ダン」と「タイガーランド」。それにテレビの「ブルルくん」。

トラは陸上の猛獣ではいちばん強いのだそうです。インドにはかつてライオンが群棲していたのが、トラのために絶滅においやられたのだという説があります。トラは大好きですが、あの絵をかくのがやっかいなために、漫画、ことにアニメては、あまり登場はしておりません。

「勇者ダン」はまた、アイヌを主人公にした物語です。ぼくはアイヌをきわめてロマンチックに北方の果敢勇壮な民族としてあこがれていたのです。しかし、あとで悲惨な歴史と現状を知り、深く反省をしました。だけどコロポックルをはじめとして、アイヌの神話や伝承は大好きです。

「勇者ダン」は、「白いパイロット」に続いて、「少年サンデー」に載ったのですが、最初から読者の

反響が悪く、しかも締め切りが遅れっぱなしで、ついにこの作品のあと、しばらく干されるハメになりました。

ぼくは、何度も仕事のうえで好調のときとドン底のときとをくり返していますが、「勇者ダン」の頃はやはり全体に低調で、自分でも方向を模索していた時期です。その原因は、やはりラジカルな劇画の台頭のためでしょう。

読者の皆さまへ

「手塚治虫漫画全集」の作品の中には、アフリカの黒人や、東南アジアの人々をはじめ多くの外国人の姿が出てきます。それらの絵の一部は、いかにも未開発国当時の姿だったり、過去の時代を誇張していて、現在の状況とは大きな違いがあります。最近、このような描き方は黒人や一部の外国人に対する人種差別であるという指摘がなされております。こうした絵に不快感を覚え、侮辱されていると感じる人がいる以上、私たちはその声に真剣に耳を傾けなければならないと思います。

しかしながら、人々の特徴を誇張してパロディー化するということは、漫画のユーモアの最も重要な手法のひとつです。手塚作品では特にそれが顕著で、多くの国の人がパロディー化の対象になっています。また作者は人間に限らず、動植物の世界から想像の世界のものたちまでもユーモアたっぷりにキャラクター化しています。それは作者の自画像でさえ例外ではなく、彼の鼻は実際よりも数倍大きく描かれています。また作者はつねに文明と非文明、先進国と発展途上国、権力者と弱者、金持ちと貧者、健常者と障害者など、すべての憎悪と対立は悪であるという信念を持ちつづけた人で、物語の底には強い「人間愛」が流れています。

私たちが今あえてこの「手塚治虫漫画全集」を刊行しつづけるのは、作者がすでに故人で作品の改訂が不可能であることと、第三者が故人の作品に手を加えることは、著作者人格権上の問題もさることながら、当該問題を考えてゆくうえでも決して適切な処置とは思えないこと、加えて私たちには日本の文化遺産と評価される作品を守ってゆく責務があると考えるからです。もとより私たちは地球上のあらゆる差別に反対し、差別が無くなるよう努めてまいります。それが出版に携わる者の責任であると考えます。読者の皆さまも、この手塚作品に接するのを契機に、さまざまな差別が存在している事実を認識し、この問題への理解を深めてくださいますようお願いいたします。

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